



# ORPC Oxford Region Planning Committee

Chair: Albert Jezyk Jr. Vice-Chair: Charles Fleischmann Treasurer: Robert Ketcham

## May 1, 2025 Meeting Report

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 - 7:00 pm via Zoom

**Zoom Recording Link:** <https://youtu.be/xQ74wKox5zo> Video Length 51:50

**Meeting Recording:** Just a reminder that we have included a reference to the time in the meeting when topics were discussed (ie, **1:08**). Please click on the YouTube link above and scan to the meeting time to hear additional content/more details.

**← Homework:** This symbol identifies homework that has been assigned to a member of the ORPC, the secretary, or the entire membership.

**Reported By:** Mark Gallant (with help from David Ross)

**ORPC Representatives:** Pauline Garcia-Allen, Kathryn Cloyd – Oxford Borough; Joe Mara – East Nottingham Township; Al Jezyk, Jr. – Elk Township; Joel Brown – Lower Oxford Township; Charles Fleischmann, Scott Rugen - Upper Oxford; David Ross - West Nottingham Township.

**Regular Attendees:** Eileen Butler – East Nottingham Planning Commission.

**Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) Staff:** Mark Gallant

### ☐ **Chair's Report:** :47

Al reported that Bill Winand has moved out of the area and will be replaced by Andrew Marker as the West Nottingham Supervisor representative.

### ☐ **Municipal Updates and More:** ORPC Membership 1:33

*Oxford Borough.* Pauline reminded the membership that First Friday kicks off on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and that the Farmers Market is back and will be held every Thursday from noon until 6:00 pm in the Edward Jones parking lot with new venders and a food truck! They are hoping this will inspire people to stop by and buy more produce for the weekend.

*West Nottingham.* Bill Winand has left the area and Andrew Marker will take his place as the governing body representative for West Nottingham.

*Regional EAC.* David added the Regional EAC will have a table at the May First Friday partnering with the Elks Creek and Octorara Watersheds Associations.

❑ **ORPC Sub-Committee Updates** *Mark Gallant 3:15*

The Graphics Staff has been working closely with Blair and we expect to have the draft signs completed and out to Blair tomorrow (May 2) for her review and comment.

❑ **East Nottingham Zoning Ordinance Amendments** *ORPC Membership 3:48*

As a reminder, the Intergovernmental Cooperative Planning Agreement (that was signed by all six participating municipalities), directs the ORPC to review “any ordinance text amendment or zoning map change that affect use or density” for consistency with the policies of the Oxford Region Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan (ORMCP).

Mark put together a draft review letter and walked the group through it which helped to direct the discussion. The ORPC membership identified a few necessary edits before getting deeper into the weeds on a few of the more specific draft regulations and proposed definitions before the discussion was interrupted by a concern voiced by Joe Mara. With that, an important sidebar took place which I recommend all ORPC members (who were unable to attend) click on the recording and listen in at **23:40**.

The proposed amendments were deemed generally consistent by the ORPC membership. Mark will revise the letter as directed and forward for review of the ORPC membership before forwarding to East Nottingham. **← Homework**

❑ **Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan Update – Public Open House** *Mark Gallant*

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the Goals and Objectives and the enhanced survey results will be sent out soon for review and comments by the ORPC membership.
- The Open House fliers are done and will be forwarded to the municipal administrators to be downloaded onto the municipal websites.
- Mark is working on a creative way to present the survey results and draft goals and objectives at the Public Open House that will motivate participants to take part in one on one conversations with an opportunity for participants to share their hopes and concerns for the future of the Region.
- ORPC members please get the word out about the Public Open House.
- We are working with the OASD to secure the Penn’s Grove Middle School Cafeteria for the venue.

Andy Walker did join the meeting later in the meeting and introduced himself to the ORPC membership.

❑ **Public Comment** None at this time.

**Next ORPC Meeting:** Public Open House (in person) on May 28<sup>th</sup>.