



# ORPC Oxford Region Planning Committee

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

**1st Draft**

## December 4, 2025 Meeting Report

**Date/Time:** Thursday, December 4th - 7:00 pm via Zoom

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

**Reported By:** Nina Weisblatt (with help from David Ross)

**ORPC Representatives:** Joel Brown – Lower Oxford Township; Charles Fleischmann, Scott Rugen - Upper Oxford; Andrew Marker, David Ross - West Nottingham Township; Albert Jezyk Jr – Elk Township.

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

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

☐ **Meeting Report Approval:** October 22, 2025

☐ **Chair's and Treasurer's Report:**

- **Chair Report:** The chair is grateful for monthly meetings to ensure that everyone is kept up to date.
- **Treasurer's Report:** \$33,600 were just paid and there is \$10,972 left. Which will cover the rest of the comprehensive plan payments. Mark confirmed no payments are left up to the township.

☐ **Municipal Updates and More** *ORPC Membership*

- David Ross asked that Mark contact municipalities about putting it on their agendas to confirm their membership for ORPC and figuring out who are the annual appointments. Mark said he will contact them and develop a list. ← **Homework**

**Update on Solar Ordinance Development:**

- Mark asked if they are all working from the same model to develop their solar ordinance. Eileen said they are not.

**East Nottingham:** Joe Marra stated that at the next Board of Supervisors meeting the board is going to vote on whether to accept the Herrs plan or not. Eileen also discussed that in addition to developing their official map, the township is also updating their Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. They also have their

Solar Ordinance in its final review process. They are hoping to have it by the next planning commission meeting.

**Upper Oxford:** Has a solar ordinance that is being developed and is currently under review.

**West Nottingham:** have a solar ordinance that is currently in a queue. They believe that it's been approved by the supervisors they are now at the public hearing stage.

**Elk:** Al explained that Elk has a solar ordinance that has not been adopted yet.

**Oxford Borough:** Brought up the idea of a traffic circulation study and potentially a housing study. Mark has invited housing experts to the Jan 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the state of housing in the region and not only consider affordable; housing but senior housing as well.

#### ❑ **ORPC Sub-Committee Updates** *David Ross and Mark Gallant*

**Regional EAC:** The Brandywine Conservancy attended the most recent meeting and they are implementing a reorganization plan following a number of retirements. They have been a big supporter of the Region. They have been helpful with organizing the stormwater needs. The group is scheduling an event at the Oxford Public library to help promote watershed-friendly lawns. The group is looking to potentially connect with the school district in the future. They are working mostly with Lower Oxford and East Nottingham.

**Historic Preservation Subcommittee:** The last quarter they discussed interpretive signs have been installed, and they are looking great and the committee is happy with them. There are two in Elk, one in Lincoln University, and the final sign is at the Oxford Area Historic Association building in Oxford Borough. They also got an estimate on making the grain separator in working order. The next meeting is next month and they will look forward about what's next.

#### ❑ **Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan Update** *Mark Gallant*

##### ○ **The Road ahead – 23:30**

- We have concluded the second year of the project.
- At our next meeting the CCPC team will share the previous three chapters in full first draft form.
- CCPC team is meeting with West Nottingham first but encourages the other municipalities to meet with them to review priority parcels.
- At the January meeting the team is pushing to be able to present the Natural Resources existing conditions.
- We are going to push hard to be able to have the plan done by 2026. That means having the full comprehensive plan done by summer to begin the public participation process

##### ○ **Community Facilities – 27:37**

- Look into adding groundwater to the water supply section and make sure we come up with ordinance language or ideas that are implementable. ← **Homework**
- The group discussed that a goal of these recommendation is to ensure that they are implementable to be able to review and that means condensing them down.

- 5.1A: Charles has stated that David should be considered for volunteer of the year!
  - ✓ There's already a volunteer group for the Oxford region that we should include in our existing conditions. Nina will research and add. **← Homework**
  - ✓ Herrs is supporting Oxford volunteer groups, and the committee will review what they have been doing **← Homework**
- 5.2: There was unanimous enthusiasm for this recommendation to encourage multi municipal collaboration.
- 5.8: David felt hesitant about this recommendation and said it begged the question if municipalities should have contracts with one provider and thus pass the savings on to residents.
- **Implementation - 1:14:55**
  - A big focus is making sure that recommendations are implementable and cost effective. David Ross asked how we will make sure the municipalities will invest resources.

☐ **Public Comment:** None at this time.

☐ **Next ORPC Meeting:** January 28<sup>th</sup> via Zoom