

YARDLEY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 7:30 PM Borough Hall
MEETING AGENDA



- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL**
- IV. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. All Council and Committee Meetings are still in-person format.
 - B. Video recordings of all Council Meetings available on Yardley Borough Website and Facebook page.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time – public comment is welcome.
- VI. **APPLICANTS FOR THIS MONTH**
 - A. No applicant
- VII. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Approval of Minutes dated 13 April 2023
- VIII. **COUNCIL UPDATES**

None
- IX. **ITEMS FOR REVIEW THIS MONTH**
 - A. 2024 Yardley Borough Comprehensive Plan Update – see memo attached
- X. **ADJOURNMENT**

What is the basis in PA Code for Comprehensive Plans?

[PA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE \(MPC\) February 2022](#)

See PP. 17-18 for fundamental

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This publication specifically addresses the planning commission form of a planning agency authorized by the MPC. To that end, this publication is designed and intended for the following purposes:

- To address the statutory authority and composition of the planning commission in Pennsylvania and the specific powers and duties of the planning commission;
- To specify the reasons for and roles of the planning commission in municipal land use decisions;
- To guide municipal planning commission members on their specific roles and responsibilities as authorized by the MPC and as may be further stipulated in a planning commission's bylaws, rules, and regulations governing its procedures consistent with the ordinances of the municipality and the laws of the commonwealth;
- To review the common roles of planning commission members, particularly in terms of hiring planning consultants to assist with various technical planning activities; and
- To provide supporting technical guidance through a series of appendices that include a model ordinance and procedures for the establishment of a planning commission, model bylaws, and the adoption of a community's comprehensive plan.

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Not Just a Document: Comprehensive Planning is a Process

To summarize, the planning process consists of making surveys, data collection, analysis and projections; problem identification; setting goals and objectives; formulating options; choosing an alternative; implementing decisions; experiencing the results; evaluating the outcomes and updating the goals or methods of implementation. This systematic process represents a means of dealing with change. If a community is growing, change will occur more quickly than in a stable community. Even a placid community will change over time. The makeup of the population will alter; the economy will fluctuate; the housing stock will age and its condition change; the environment will continue to be threatened and the needs of the citizens will not be the same today as in the future. A municipality is not required to regulate land use, but if it decides to implement zoning, it must have a well-articulated statement of community development objectives. Objectives should be supported by sufficient analysis and documentation to defend the zoning or other land use ordinances of the community against legal challenges. Preparing a comprehensive plan provides the most effective basis for the development of land use ordinances.

Is funding available to assist municipalities with Comp Plan update?

[Municipal Assistance Program \(MAP\)](#)

Are there comparable plans available?

[Bucks County Municipal Comprehensive Plans](#)

What is Bucks County doing?

[Bucks 2040](#)

