

SHALER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
January 19, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Shaler Township Planning Commission was held on January 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Piekarski called the meeting to order. Ms. Re called the roll as follows:

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: David Piekarski, Terence J. Brown, Howard Abel, Gregory Greiff and John Rihn, Fire Liaison.

ABSENT: James Genter and Brandon Walker

BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL/ZONING OFFICER: David Fitzhenry

RECORDING SECRETARY: Noreen A. Re

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Motion to re-elect Mr. Piekarski as Board chair made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Abel.

Motion carries – 4 to 0

Motion to nominate Mr. Brown for vice chair made by Mr. Thiel and seconded by Mr. Abel.

Motion carries – 4 to 0

Motion to nominate Mr. Abel for secretary made by Mr. Greiff and seconded by Mr. Thiel.

Motion carries – 4 to 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 17, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2025, made by Mr. Greiff and seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motion carries – 4 to 0

REPORT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

December 9, 2025 & January 5, 2026

Mr. Piekarski stated the only thing occurring at the December 9th meeting was the approval regarding the Conditional Use of the construction of an approximately 3600 square foot mausoleum within St. Stanislaus Cemetery located at 700 Soose Road, Pittsburgh, PA, in the Second Ward.

At the meeting on January 5th, there was a reorganization of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Boyle is chairman, and Mr. Conrad Wagner is vice chair.

There were also a number of appointments including the major ones being the manager and secretary of the township, Ms. Judy Kording. The appointment of assistant secretary was Mr. Joe Shook, who began work today. Anna Jewart was reappointed as solicitor for the township. There was also the approval of four-year terms for both Mr. Matt Thiel and Mr. Terry Brown.

Ordinance No. 1981, the Shaler Zoning Map Ordinance amendment, was approved. Mr. Piekarski also said the commissioners wanted to pass along to the Planning Commission their wishes for a Happy New Year.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

Site Development – Edward and Kathleen Slagel - 1496 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116 – Allegheny County Lot & Block No. 355-D-115 – Neighborhood Shopping District – Ward 4.

Mr. Doug Tait, Tait Engineering, 908 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, was present on behalf of the applicant. He described the project in detail. A sign has been added for “No Left Turn.” There will be some screening around the lower yard. In regard to an evacuation

route, there is a parking lot across the street that they have spoken to the neighbor about.

Mr. Piekarski mentioned the two concerns in the engineer's report, the evacuation plan and letter from the property owner across the street acknowledging that the one-way traffic flow will be enforced in and out. He said he would like to see that showing on the plans with appropriate arrows and signage.

Mr. Brown commented on parents being told they can't wait for their child in line while backing up the current road. They will have to go around the building and park in the lot and get their child through the other door. Mr. Slagel responded that the owner of the day care has specific pickup and dropoff times for parents.

Mr. Rihn requested the plan be sent in, the schedule. Names could be redacted.

Upon asking how many children the owner plans on having, Mr. Slagel responded the place was okayed for high 30s, but her count was less than that.

Mr. Slagel gave his address as 163 Buehner Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, 412-216-4695.

Mr. Abel inquired if Mr. Slagel was comfortable with the dropoff proposal. Mr. Slagel said he was. He also said he had no problem if adjustments need to be made. Mr. Abel told him it would have to be monitored for a while to assure there aren't U-turns and so forth and people coming the opposite direction trying to access. Mr. Slagel said he understood. He also said the day care has committed to a three-year lease.

The earliest Mr. Slagel thought they would be open is March. Regarding the screening, Mr. Tait he said it would be a chain link fence with a screen. Mr. Slagel said their plan is to clean up the whole area. The goal is to screen that all off.

Motion for Preliminary and Final approval made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Thiel.

Motion carries – 4 to 0

ADMINISTRATION - None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Thiel and seconded by Mr. Brown.

Motion carries – 4 to 0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

Howard Abel
Secretary

Minutes prepared by Noreen A. Re, Certified Realtime Reporter.