

July 13, 2026

The East Lampeter Township Industrial and Commercial Development Authority met on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The statement of recorded meetings was played for all in attendance. Chairman Roger Rutt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present in the meeting room were Mr. Tim Lapp, Mr. J Mr. Nick Wagner. Mr. Glen Eberly and Darrel Zimmerman. Also present in the meeting room were Ms. Tara Hitchens, Township Manager; Ms. Kimberly Piestrak, Assistant Township Manager.

Public Present:

None

Public Comment on non-Agenda items: None

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the July 13, 2026, meeting agenda.
- b. Approval of the April 6, 2026, regular meeting minutes.
- c. Payment of bills.

Ms. Hitchens noted there's no bills for payment, so there's no dollars listed.

Mr. Rutt moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Eberly. The motion carried.

Old and Unfinished Business:

- a. Gateway Features & Wayfinding

Township staff reported making an additional attempt to contact the owner of the Route 30 property identified as a potential location for the Eastern gateway sign. A formal letter was sent, and an in-person visit was conducted; however, staff were unable to make contact. Alternative site options were discussed, particularly parcels near Route 896 and Route 30 intersection. It was noted that certain nearby properties remain subject to conditional-use approval requiring agricultural preservation, which limits their suitability for signage placement.

Questions were raised regarding whether the Authority should continue pursuing a major gateway sign at this time or consider shifting its focus toward wayfinding signage. Staff explained that both gateway and wayfinding signage form part of the Lincoln Highway Streetscape Plan, with gateway features planned at both ends of the corridor. Wayfinding

signage, however, requires PennDOT approval, and staff are researching examples from other municipalities that have successfully established non-standard signage through negotiated agreements.

The western gateway sign remains fully approved and is moving forward. PennDOT has designated a location for the installation and provided an access drive near the stormwater area situated between Routes 462 and 30. This sign will serve as the western anchor of the corridor beautification effort.

The Authority continues to seek a willing property owner for the eastern gateway sign. Two property owners have already declined or been unreachable. Quarry View was identified as a potentially cooperative option for further exploration.

Township staff reported several further attempts to contact the owner of the property identified for the Eastern Gateway installation; however, no communication has yet been established. Authority members discussed alternative methods for reaching the owner, as well as other potential properties that may be suitable for the gateway's placement.

During discussion, it was noted that PennDOT is developing plans to design and locate a message board within the same general area. Staff clarified that PennDOT may utilize eminent domain for their project, and that similar authority could be used if necessary for the Eastern Gateway. Given current challenges in securing a willing property owner, staff advised that installation of the Eastern Gateway could be deferred until PennDOT determines whether sufficient easement area exists to accommodate the sign.

The projected schedule for PennDOT's signage installation is anticipated to occur sooner than originally estimated, potentially ahead of the 2027–2028 timeframe previously considered. The Western Gateway remains planned for completion in 2028 as part of the larger PennDOT project.

a. Report on Business Improvement District

Ms. Piestrak reported that the committee met in March and April and has since been in a holding pattern pending authorization to proceed. In April, the committee approved allowing the Township to issue the billing statements, which are scheduled to be mailed by the end of the month. The next committee meeting is expected to occur in September, once revenue begins to be received.

Mr. Rutt inquired about the payment timeline for the invoices. Ms. Piestrak confirmed that payments are due within 30 days of issuance, meaning initial funds could be available by late summer. She noted that the committee continues to review the financial plan and that

she recently sent the plan to members to ensure awareness of anticipated expenditures and appropriate uses of funds.

New Business: None

Actions Items:

Mr. Rutt noted I would encourage everyone, including myself, know that there's talk about the new intersection out there. Just so we as a board know better than some of them talking about how that whole system is going to work out there.

Adjournment:

Mr. Eberly moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rutt. The motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Township office.