

Telecommunications Advisory Board
Meeting notes – Monday February 9, 2026

Members Present: Ed Ebenbach, Art Zapolski, Jean Laustsen,
Township Manager: Stephanie Mason
Doylestown Township Supervisor: Barbara Lyons
Assistant Township Manager: Andrea Mergner
Doylestown Township Supervisors Chairman: Jen Herring
Pending Member: Nate Mowry

PROCEEDINGS:

- **Meeting called to order at 5pm**
- **Public Comment** - None
- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Meeting Notes January 12, 2026 unanimously approved

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. 250th US Birthday celebration – discussion with Pat Witek from Doylestown Historical

Society – Ms. Witek was invited to explore with the Board how TAB might assist with promoting and participating in the celebration. She began by reviewing some of the events they have planned, including Town Crier reenactments, a colonial house tour, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Ms. Mason stated she would like to come up with a Doylestown Township event. One that was suggested was having a Town Crier at one of our Summer Concert events. Suggestions were also made about possible houses in the township that could be part of the Colonial Homes tours including the Fordhook Farm and Castle Valley Mill. Ms. Mason suggested that the township's Friday e-newsletter can help promote activities by linking to the DHS website and inviting residents to suggest other ways to contribute to the celebration. Ms. Mergner would be our contact. Ms. Mason also suggested that we shoot videos of any activities that happen in the township. Mr. Zapolski suggested that those videos could include someone talking about the properties.

Going forward: We will get a copy of their calendar and reach out to the Town Criers about being involved with a Summer Concert with a 250th Anniversary theme.

2. Ann Silvermann Clinic Video

Ms. Mason, Mr. Ebenbach and Ms. Mergner met with Meri Gaumonde, Exec Director of the Ann Silvermann Clinic. Mr. Ebenbach researched their website and learned that most of their staff are volunteers. They offer medical, dental, and behavioral care for low income and uninsured residents of Bucks County. They get no federal funding and need 1 million dollars a year to operate. Sunblossom Entertainment (Don Polec) produces videos for them now. The clinic wants to update the "Who We Are" video on their website. They would prefer not to pay Sunblossom to produce it. Mr. Ebenbach played their current website video at the meeting and asked for reactions. Do we want

to do it? Are we capable of doing it? Can we use clips from their video? Ms. Lyons suggested we take a different approach - shorter, more upbeat, with a clearer call to action. Ms. Gaumonde provided us with a good explanation of what they're looking for in the video, but after discussing it we still have questions. What should the video's main focus be? What are they planning to do with the video?

Going forward: It was decided that we should invite Ms. Gaumonde to our next meeting to answer these questions and determine if this is a project we want to and can do.

3. Bike Safety & Trail Etiquette Educational Program

After discussion, the group decided that the existing lecture recording about Bike Safety & Trail Etiquette has too many problems to warrant fixing it up for display. Instead, the group would like to focus on creating a new video on the same topic with a more appropriate shoot location. The next video will be done outdoors when the weather improves (Spring?). Mr. Ebenbach will meet with Sergeant Courts to determine where we want to shoot this and how to go about it.

4. New Britain Rd Trail segment video – Mr. Ebenbach gave us an update on this, explaining that we need someone from the Bike & Hike Committee to be the spokesperson. A meeting is planned with them on March 17th. Ms. Mason said that she will get a volunteer.

5. EAC requests – Nothing to share yet

6. Summer Concerts Promo- Ms. Mason reported that the 2026 concert series lineup is completed. Mr. Ebenbach will get that list of concerts and available videos to Ms. Laustsen for producing a generic Summer Concerts promo. Ms. Mason asked that the promo include a thank you to those who made donations to the township in the memory of Jamie Ball.

• NEW BUSINESS

a. Suggestions for additional 2026 Projects: Mr. Zapolski suggested that his idea about a making a video that focuses on the events of 1776 & 1777 when Washington's army bivouacked in the area. He suggested this video might be rolled into one of the Historical Society events.

b. Operations update – Mr. Ebenbach reported that progress has been made on creating a document for operating the TV control room. Mr. Ebenbach and Ms. Mergner took photos of equipment and screens. They created write-up of what to do to during set-up for airing Supervisor meetings, including names of equipment, keyboards, etc.

c. Decision about the next scheduled TAB meeting - It was decided to keep our March meeting date: March 9, 2026

• ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by Jean Laustsen