

**Telecommunications Advisory Board
Meeting Notes – Monday April 13, 2026**

Members Present: Ed Ebenbach, Art Zapolski, Jean Laustsen, Nate Mowry

Board of Supervisors Liaison: Barbara Lyons

Township Manager: Stephanie Mason

Assistant Township Manager: Andrea Mergner

PROCEEDINGS:

- **Meeting called to order at 5pm**
- **Public Comment** - None
- **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Meeting Notes February 9, 2026 unanimously approved

• **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **TAB Member** – Damon Bakun has finally responded in an email to Stephanie Mason saying that he would like to return to the organization. However, having been absent and contributed nothing for a year, it is a questionable whether he could provide consistent support going forward. Damon has been dealing with many personal issues, and we wish him the best. Mr. Ebenbach will contact him and work to resolve this issue.
2. **250th US Birthday celebration** – Ms. Mergner has received documents for posting from the Doylestown Historical Society. They have also agreed to provide two videos to TAB to use in promoting the 250 Birthday event once they are uploaded to the Township's YouTube and TV channels. They also offered a town crier to participate in one or more of our Summer concerts.

Mr. Zapolski floated the idea that George Washington was near Doylestown during the revolution as a potential organizing idea for a video, using no more than 3 to 5 locations that act as a nexus to the township. In his proposal TAB would partner on exact locations with DHS, meant to show Doylestown contributions to the revolution, using a DHS representative to develop and present the narrative for the video.

Next Step: Mr. Zapolski will arrange a meeting with DHS to flesh out this concept.

3. **Ann Silvermann Clinic Video** Mr. Ebenbach has now seen the scope of the project the clinic wants and thinks that is beyond our available time and ability to complete to the clinic's satisfaction. They want free editable video and fast. We cannot make that deadline but offered to help market their offerings by putting items from them in our weekly newsletter. The clinic appeared to be happy with our offer. We will remove this project from our agenda for future meetings.
4. **Summer Concerts** - Jean has been working on a draft of the 2026 concert promo video. The Township will not be selling hot dogs or other food this year so related content needs to be removed from the video. Nine bands will be playing at the events. Concerns were raised about parking for the concerts, so video should direct viewers to the Township website for updates on parking, cancellations and rain dates. Additionally, Ms. Lyons reminded the board that C&N bank would no longer be a sponsor for the concerts

so all related content or images referring to C&N should be cut or edited out. Jean said a new spot should be ready by the next meeting. Jean to continue editing.

5. **Bike Safety & Trail Etiquette Educational Program** - Mr. Ebenbach sent out a copy of the presentation given by Sgt. Jared Courts back in November. Mr. Ebenbach believes that the video recording of said presentation needs a complete overhaul to make it suitable for public consumption as, among other things, it doesn't show relevant subjects visually while they are being talked about. Ms. Mergner showed the board the Warrington safety video as an example saying that they used humor to help make the message stick. The board agrees with this approach and will work on an idea for the video accordingly. Ms. Lyons brought up letting AI do the whole thing. Signaling is a primary concern of the board since many trail users have headphones on. Ms. Mason asked what role the Bike and Hike committee would play in creating the video, and Mr. Ebenbach replied that to date it's been planned as a Police production. The board agrees that the presentation needs to be simplified first and foremost, and that a long-form PSA format would be best. Mr. Zapolski suggested humanizing the police via humor and other means. Mr. Ebenbach talked about having Damon look at the project if he returns. Mr. Mowry and Mr. Zapolski to work on concepts for the video.

4. **New Britain Rd Trail segment video** – waiting on selection of a spokesperson volunteer by Bike and Hike committee.

5. **EAC requests** – Nothing to share yet

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **State Award to Township:** Township has received a Local Government Excellence award from the state for TAB's work with Doylestown Hospital over the past 5+ years. The "Walk with a Doc" series and thirteen extended subject interviews have netted TAB an award to be accepted in Harrisburg at an April ceremony. Barbara, Jean, Ed, and Art are planning to attend the ceremony, but Barbara will accept the award on behalf of the members should they be unable to make it to the event.
2. **Operations update** – The Tricaster video switcher needs maintenance. This computer-based unit is 7 years old and needs updates and a thorough memory cleanout.

- **Decision about the next scheduled TAB meeting** - It was decided to keep our May meeting date: May 11, 2026

- **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm

Respectfully Submitted by Nate Mowry