

Bristol Twp. Zoning Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2026

- 1) Chairman Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.
- 2) Roll Call: Mr. Weeks, Mrs. Pease, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Marino.
- 3) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Weeks.
- 4) Chairman Weeks read the Public Notice of the meeting, published in the Tribune on March 14, 2026, into the record. It is also displayed on an electric sign in the park.
- 5) BTZC-26-24: Mrs. Barnard made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular meeting on February 9, 2026,
Mrs. Pease seconded the motion.
Discussion: None
Roll Call: Mr. Weeks – Yes, Mrs. Pease – Yes, Mrs. Barnard – Yes, Mrs. Marino – Yes.
Motion carried
- 6) BTZC-26-25: Mrs. Barnard made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 9, 2026
Mrs. Pease seconded the motion.
Discussion: None
Roll Call: Mr. Weeks – Yes, Mrs. Pease – Yes, Mrs. Barnard – Yes, Mrs. Marino – Yes.
Motion carried.
The Secretary will forward the minutes to the Fiscal Officer for posting on the Bristol Township website
- 7) Attendance: Corey Houghlett.
- 8) Zoning Inspector report. There was none available.
- 9) Chairman Weeks gave a report on the Public Hearing, held on March 16, 2026, for Section 39: Intermodal Containers/Shipping Containers.
- 10) BTZC-26-26: Mrs. Barnard made a motion to accept the text additions, deletions as presented and the suggestions of the Trumbull County Planning Commission, Resolution

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No. 3-2026-18, to Section 39: Intermodal Containers/Shipping Containers and to forward the appropriate documents to the Bristol Twp. Trustees for their consideration.

Mrs. Pease seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Weeks – Yes, Mrs. Pease – Yes, Mrs. Barnard – Yes, Mrs. Marino – Yes.

Motion carried.

11) Data Centers. Comments on information distributed to the Zoning Commission.

There is a lot of information. We will be working on this.

12) Review meeting dates.

Regular *Quarterly	Public Hearing
*January 12	
February 9	
March 16	March 16
*April 13	
May 11	
June 8	
*July 13	
August 10	
September 14	
*October 12	
November 9	
December 14	

13) Comments from Commission Members.

Mrs. Pease: Nothing

Mrs. Barnard: Nothing

Mrs. Marino: Nothing

Mr. Weeks:

1. Mr. Weeks: Our next regular meeting is scheduled for 03.16.26 and will begin after the Public Hearing that will start at 6:00 pm. We will review the recommendation of the Trumbull County Planning Commission on Section 39: Intermodal Container/Shipping Containers. The TCPC has provided some preliminary

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information on their “suggestions”. On March 1, the Legal Notice was published on the township’s social media account page only. “Later” Olivia reported that she was sending the Legal Notice to the Tribune for publication. We appreciate Olivia being proactive. The Legal Notice was published in the Tribune on Saturday, Feb. 28th. The Trustees sent a letter to the Zoning Commission directing us to use the township’s website and social media account page to advertise our Public Hearings. At our January reorganization meeting we approved that process for advertising our Public Hearings. The motion BTZC-26-04 made no allowance for advertising in the Tribune. I sent an email to Jason Toth on March 1, asking for his opinion of whether the Public Hearing would be legal since we did not follow our motion for advertising. His response was that he “thought we would be okay”. He then went on to say, “I recommend that timely notice of a public hearing be advertised in the manner approved by the Zoning Commission at its annual reorganization meeting”.

2. We will continue discussions on data centers. There is a lot going on at the national level and state level examples: potential requirement that data centers provide their own source of electricity, EPA requirements both national and state, state PUCO decisions, court decisions, infrastructure requirements, and ORC requirements. The information that I sent out last week was distributed at the last Trumbull County Zoning Inspectors Association meeting. From what Kim, TCPC, reported, they spent a good share of the meeting on this topic. These meetings are open to the public.
3. Will the Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals be affected by the township’s Cyber Security policy?
4. When will the zoning book be available? Will the Zoning Commission be provided with a word document file of the revised Zoning Resolution?
5. Are there any plans to update the Comprehensive Plan to include the Military Compatibility Area Element that was approved by the Trustees in the spring of 2023?

14) BTZC-26-27: Mrs. Barnard made a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Pease seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Weeks – Yes, Mrs. Pease – Yes, Mrs. Barnard – Yes, Mrs. Marino – Yes.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Submitted by Carolyn Marino, Secretary.