

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Zoning Hearing Meeting on Monday, August 3, 2026

Attending: James Mamana, Andrew Bisher, Sean McCollian, Solicitor Chad DiFelice, Stenographer Jennifer Higin, Zoning Officer Howard Beers, and Zoning Secretary Vicki Mack were present.

Hearing #2026-06 / 30 Beechwood Ct

Owner of Record: Andy & Lori Thatcher

Attending for Applicant: Aaron Thatcher and Solicitor Karasek

Giving Testimony for the evening: Aaron Thatcher

The applicant is appealing the Washington Township Zoning officer determination letter dated June 9, 2026, of Section 3.14.7a “Permitted Use” of Home Occupation. Violations from the current permit applications are as follows: 1. They shall not detract from the residential character of the neighborhood. And 2. They shall not exhibit any external characteristics or evidence of their presence, other than a sign not to exceed three square feet. The property is located in the Agricultural (A) District at 30 Beechwood Ct., Washington Township, Northampton County, PA.

The applicant is appealing the Zoning Officer's letter and in the event it is determined that the applicant is not entitled to a home occupation, they are respectfully submitting a variance request.

Zoning Officer was questioned by Solicitor DeFelice.

Solicitor gave Zoning Officer permission to read his 7/30/26 letter, all parties received copies of the letter.

Zoning Officer was then questioned by Solicitor Karasek. Zoning secretary stepped out of the hearing to print out pictures on the request of Solicitor DeFelice and Zoning Officer.

Solicitor DeFelice pointed out that the Notice was not correct, and hearing should be rescheduled for September, and asked if the applicant and his solicitor were in agreement. It was then discussed and decided Notice will be readvertised (applicant's solicitor offered to pay for advertisement fee). **Hearing is rescheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Mack

Zoning Secretary