

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. Robin Scully was introduced as the new Commission member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Mixon, Paul Williams, Rod Lowe, Christine Lundquist, Victor Senk, & Robin Scully. (Phil Bontrager absent)

AGENDA: The agenda was approved on a motion by Christine with support by Walt.

MINUTES: Due to computer issues at the Township office, the minutes of November 4 were not made available.

CORRESPONDENCE: Rod indicated consultant Pat Coleman had contacted him on a couple items. Pat indicated he had not made requested changes yet due to time conflicts. He also indicated that further changes after these would require additional pay from the Township. Pat also asked for the Commissions' thoughts on the Bitcoin mining issue. It was agreed that due to the noise involved, we would want it away from residential areas and other retail establishments. The possibility of something near the airport or out on the Adam's Trail was discussed. It was agreed that a Special Use permit should be required in the event the issue comes up.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

RECREATION PLAN REVIEW: Emily Bosch Soucy from CUPPAD joined the meeting via zoom. She reviewed some things changed and indicated maps would be refined before the final draft is printed.

Victor noted that the current draft is missing pages 22 & 23, and the page number is missing from page 40.

Christine indicated she has a few items and will list them based on current page numbers:

1. Pg 8 - 2nd paragraph needs to be grammatically changed as it sounds like people snowmobile and ski in the summer and fall.
2. Pg 11 - The Planning Commission does NOT oversee the operation, programming & maintenance of Parks & Recreation facilities. This is done by the Township Board.
3. Pg 12 - "Recreation Fund" should be changed to "Park Fund".
4. Pg 13 - The \$1.6 million fund balance noted in the 1st paragraph was previously questioned. This should be removed.
5. Pg 24 - should delete "(east side of Grand Marais harbor)" from 2nd location box.
6. Pg 24 - Add desire for bike trail from town to School Forest to bottom right of box.
7. Pg 33 - Add ADA launch site for canoes and kayaks. It is listed as a priority item on page 47.
8. Pg 42 - Key Objectives should include H-58 east and west bike/walking trail.

Emily indicated she thought she could get a revised copy to the Township clerk tomorrow. Motion by Paul with support by Walt to release the revised copy for public review. Motion carried.

Rod asked Emily to provide 30 printed copies to the Township in addition to a copy for the website. Signage will be put up around town to let people know where to find an online copy or where they can get a paper copy. A public hearing will be scheduled 31 days or more from today. Rod will check on building availability. A tentative date of 12/18/25 at 6:00pm is planned, but if the building is not available, 12/19 or 12/22 may be used. Rod will notify the Commission members on the date.

OTHER: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Christine with support by Rod