

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - MARCH 24, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod Lowe, Victor Senk, Phil Bontrager, Robin Scully, Christine Lundquist

AGENDA: Rod asked that Township survey be added to the agenda. The amended agenda was approved on a motion by Christine with support by Victor.

MINUTES: The 2/17/2026 minutes were approved on a motion by Victor with support by Rod.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rod indicated that Pat Coleman has been in contact with the Township Clerk and is sending the files to allow us to make changes to the proposed zoning ordinance.

DATA CENTER MORATORIUM: Rod indicated that the Township will not be taking action on our request at this time because there are 2 State House bills in the works addressing this issue. They indicated it needs to be included in the proposed zoning ordinance.

HARBOR PLAN: U.P. Engineering will be making the changes we identified at the last meeting, but indicated we need to keep the 3 phases. After a corrected copy is received, it will be reviewed and a public hearing scheduled.

NEW ZONING MAPS: The corrected maps received were reviewed and approved. Christine noted that the maps include "Public Land" as a district, but it is not listed as a district on page 3-1 of the proposed ordinance. Motion by Rod with support by Christine to add it to the list on page 3-1. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE: Rod indicated he had a few items for review and Victor has a question, too.

- A. pg 2-2. Accessory Building - Rod made a motion to remove semi-truck, semi-trailer or portable storage container from the definition. Victor supported. Motion carried.
- B. Pg 2-8. Rod questioned why there is a 400 sq ft limit on the size of "camp or hunting camp" as this is quite small. After discussion, a motion was made by Rod with support by Phil to remove the size limit and to allow with or without pressurized water. Motion carried.
- C. Rod noted that page 2-24 & 2-25 both included "R or "R" see by right". It was agreed to remove it from page 2-25.
- D. Page 4-8 Drive Thru Establishments - Rod asked if drive thru car washes should be included in the examples. Motion by Phil with support by Victor to add this to examples. Motion carried.
- E. Page 4-11. Rod questioned if we want to allow archery and shooting ranges in the DD district. Motion by Rod with support by Christine to allow these only in the GC district. Motion carried.

- F. Page 4-12. Victor asked if we should leave IBZ as a permitted district under Lodging & Accommodations related to organized camps & RV parks & campgrounds for tents. The National Park has not taken a position when asked, and the Planning Commission is aware of at least one person wanting to do this. The Township Supervisor was in the audience and agreed to contact the Township attorney and request they contact the federal authorities to make sure organized camps, RV parks and campgrounds for tents can be in the IBZ zone. Once an answer is received, section 10-12-4 on page 10-6 and pages 4-12 & 4-22 need to be reviewed.

TOWNSHIP SURVEY: A draft of a survey the Township is considering sending out was reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

OTHER: Christine indicated she would not be available on April 21 due to a visitor coming from England. After discussion, Rod suggested moving the meeting to April 28th. He will make sure the building will be available. Christine will try to have a copy of the proposed zoning ordinance with corrections written in ready by then.

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