Baraga Township Planning Commission REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 6:00 PM

Baraga Township Hall, 13919 State HWY M38, Baraga, MI 49908

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Chairperson Lozier.
- 2. Roll Call: Present Nick Lozier, Amy Tikkanen, Dianne Koskinen, Jerry Dompier Absent Dale Parkila

Chairperson Lozier declares that a quorum is present. Also present – Bill Olsen, George Danielson, 8 public

A. Election of officers

<u>Chairperson</u>: A motion was made by Lozier, supported by Tikkanen, to appoint Dale Parkila to the office of chairperson of the Baraga Township Planning Commission.

Ayes: All in favor Nays: none

<u>Vice Chairperson</u>: A motion was made by Koskinen, supported by Tikkanen, to appoint Nick Lozier to the office of vice chairperson of the Baraga Township Planning Commission.

Ayes: All in favor Nays: none

<u>Secretary</u>: A motion was made by Tikkanen, supported by Dompier, to appoint Dianne Koskinen to the office of secretary of the Baraga Township Planning Commission.

Ayes: All in favor Nays: none

B. Confirmation of 2026 regular meetings

Regular meetings for the Baraga Township Planning Commission will be held on the second Wednesdays, quarterly: 1/14/26, 4/8/26, 7/8/26, 10/14/26

C. Changes to bylaws

Bylaws were reviewed and no changes were made. Koskinen will have them ready for signatures at the next meeting.

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 4. Approval of May 7, 2025, regular meeting agenda

Discussion and additions to the agenda: None

A motion was made by Tikkanen, supported by Dompier, to approve the agenda for the May 7, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All in favor Nays: none

5. Minutes of February 4, 2025, special meeting

Discussion: none

A motion was made by Tikkanen, supported by Dompier, to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2025, special meeting as presented.

Ayes: All in favor Nays: none

Notes from March 10, 2025, work session

Discussion: None

A motion was made by Tikkanen, supported by Dompier, to approve the notes from the

March 10, 2025, work session.

Ayes: All in favor Nays: none

- 6. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only A suggestion was made to include public on the sign in sheet; the Planning Commission will include public sign in at all meetings.
- 7. Correspondence none
- 8. Old Business

Survey results: via phone, Jason McCarthy of Northwoods Planning and Zoning Services presented the results of the survey. 179 surveys were submitted: 93 paper surveys, 86 online surveys. The results will be posted on the Baraga Township website. Moving forward, 1. McCarthy will deliver a draft of the Master Plan by the end of May, incorporating survey results. The Master Plan draft will be posted on the Baraga Township website as soon as it is received by the Planning Commission. 2. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting to review and make final adjustments to the Master Plan in June. 3. The Planning Commission will confirm the finalized Master Plan to present to the Baraga Township Board at the Planning Commission regular meeting on July 9, 2025.

- 9. New Business none
- 10. Public Comment (all other items) A suggestion was made to improve the audio in the Township Hall, referring to the difficulty in hearing phone-in participants. There is no current PA system. Tikkanen will research devices.
- 11. General Planning Commission Discussion The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM to review and make final edits to the Master Plan.
- 12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Koskinen, supported by Dompier, to adjourn at 7:01 PM.

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: none

The next meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission will be a special meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM.