

Baraga Township Planning Commission

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 6:00 PM

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

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM by Secretary Koskinen.
2. Roll Call: Present - Amy Tikkanen, Dianne Koskinen, Jerry Dompier
Absent – Dale Parkila, Nick Lozier
Secretary Koskinen declares that a quorum is present.
Also present – Bill Olsen, Jason McCarthy, 5 public
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Approval of June 18, 2025, special meeting agenda
Discussion and additions to the agenda: None
A motion was made by Tikkanen, supported by Dompier, to approve the agenda for the June 18, 2025, special meeting as presented.
Ayes: All in favor Nays: none
5. Minutes of May 7, 2025, regular meeting
Discussion: Tikkanen found error in A. Election of Officers. “Chairperson” should read “Secretary”.
A motion was made by Tikkanen, supported by Dompier, to approve the Minutes of May 7, regular meeting with correction.
Ayes: All in favor Nays: none
6. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – Master Plan should be referred to as “Master Plan Draft”. Secretary Koskinen will make those adjustments.
7. Correspondence - none
8. Old Business - none
9. New Business – The purpose of this Special Meeting is to review and make final adjustments to the Master Plan Draft. Jason McCarthy led discussion to the proposed changes and made recommendations. The public made suggestions and asked for clarification and the Planning Commission asked for wording edits in some sections of the Master Plan Draft. Jason McCarthy explained the process for updating the Master Plan:
Adopting a Master Plan Update (Per Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA33 of 2008)
 1. Planning Commission Initiates Update – complete
 2. Issue “Intent to Plan” Notice (MPEA Section 39) – complete
 3. Conduct Public Engagement – complete
 4. Planning Commission Approves Draft for Distribution (MPEA Section 41) – July 9, 2025 meeting. Begin minimum 63 day review period.
 5. Hold Required Public Hearing (MPEA Section 43) – TBD. Publish legal notice at least 15 days in advance.

6. Planning Commission Adopts Plan (MPEA Section 43) – TBD
7. Township Board Approval – TBD
8. Distribute Final Plan – TBD
9. Recordkeeping and Publication – TBD
10. Five-Year Mandatory Review (MPEA Section 45) - 2030

10. Public Comment (all other items) – none

11. General Planning Commission Discussion – none

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Tikkanen, supported by Dompier, to adjourn at 7:27 PM.

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: none

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