



B. Zoning discussion: Northwoods Planning and Zoning Services has a pending contract with Baraga Township to manage and write zoning changes. Jason McCarthy of NPZ would like the Planning Commission to make a list of topics that should be considered for zoning changes. The Planning Commission constructed this list:

1. Planned Housing Development
2. Subdivisions
3. Clarify or remove square footage requirement for new houses
4. Land use zoning well spelled out with allowances for each district, and what is allowed without a special use permit
5. Short term and vacation rentals
6. Campgrounds and RV parks
7. Remove from zoning areas that are not enforced
8. Alterations, specifically the existing ordinance limits removal of vegetation on shoreline and moving dirt should be removed from the Township ordinance
9. Ambiguity, such as the special use permit section initial paragraph doesn't match the criteria that is required for approval of a special use permit
10. Ensure the master plan's recent edits are reflected in zoning

10. Public Comment (all other items) – none

11. General Planning Commission Discussion – Blight is not addressed in zoning and is not supposed to be included in zoning.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Parkila, supported by Koskinen, to adjourn at 6:42 PM.

Ayes: All in favor

Nays: none

The next regular meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM.