

Baraga Township Planning Commission - MINUTES

Regular Meeting – April 8, 2026, 6:00 PM

Baraga Township Hall, 13919 M-38, Baraga, MI 49908

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor George Danielson.
2. Roll Call: Present - Dale Parkila, Nick Lozier, Bonnie Dompier, Dianne Koskinen; Absent – Jerry Dompier (phone). Supervisor George Danielsong declared that a quorum is present. The sign-in sheet was completed with Supervisor George Danielson and five public in attendance.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Chairperson: A motion was made by Nick Lozier, supported by Bonnie Dompier, to appoint Dale Parkila to serve as Chairperson of the Baraga Township Planning Commission.
 - i. Vote: The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Nick Lozier, Dianne Koskinen, Bonnie Dompier. Nays: None. Abstained: Dale Parkila. Absent: Jerry Dompier.
 - ii. Supervisor George Danielson handed the meeting over to Chairperson Dale Parkila.
 - b. Vice Chairperson: A motion was made by Dale Parkila, supported by Bonnie Dompier, to appoint Nick Lozier to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Baraga Township Planning Commission.
 - i. Vote: The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Dianne Koskinen, Bonnie Dompier, Dale Parkila. Nays: None. Abstained: Nick Lozier. Absent: Jerry Dompier.
 - c. Secretary: A motion was made by Bonnie Dompier, supported by Dale Parkila, to appoint Dianne Koskinen to serve as Secretary of the Baraga Township Planning Commission.
 - i. Vote: The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Nick Lozier, Bonnie Dompier, Dale Parkila. Nays: None. Abstained: Dianne Koskinen. Absent: Jerry Dompier.
4. Approval of April 8, 2026, regular meeting AGENDA
 - a. Discussion and Additions: None
 - b. Motion: A motion was made by Nick Lozier, supported by Dianne Koskinen, to approve the April 8, 2026, regular meeting AGENDA as presented.

- i. Vote: The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Nick Lozier, Dianne Koskinen, Bonnie Dompier, Dale Parkila. Nays: None. Absent: Jerry Dompier.
- 5. Approval of January 21, 2026, regular meeting and public hearing MINUTES
 - a. Discussion: Notes from work sessions are not the same as meeting minutes and do not need to be approved.
 - b. Motion: A motion was made by Bonnie Dompier, supported by Nick Lozier, to approve the minutes of January 21, 2026, regular meeting and public hearing minutes as presented.
 - i. Vote: The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Nick Lozier, Dianne Koskinen, Bonnie Dompier, Dale Parkila. Nays: None. Absent: Jerry Dompier.
- 6. Public Comment on AGENDA items only
 - a. Catherine Andrews, 11393 DesRocher RD, Baraga: made presented an example of a resolution declaring a moratorium on cryptocurrency mining and hyperscale data center operations.
- 7. Correspondence: Catherine Andrews, resolution (6a)
- 8. Old Business: The Planning Commission noted three edits to the zoning ordinance draft still need to be incorporated. Dianne Koskinen will inform Northwoods Planning and Zoning of the edits that need to be made. On page 119, under section J Campgrounds, 1A-1 and 1A-2 should be stricken. Ensure “seasonal” and “year-round” are defined. On page 44, “Friends and Family” should be addressed or eliminated.
- 9. New Business: Dianne Koskinen was appointed to a three year term on the Planning Commission, expiring 3/31/2029. Term expirations of other commissioners were reviewed.
- 10. Public Comment (all other items): Public asked when the zoning update draft will be available for public review. The Planning Commission ensured the draft will be made available at the time the Public Hearing is announced.
- 11. General Planning Commission Discussion: None
- 12. Adjournment
 - a. A motion was made by Dale Parkila, supported by Nick Lozier, to adjourn at 6:24 PM.
 - i. Vote: The motion passed unanimously. Ayes: Nick Lozier, Dianne Koskinen, Bonnie Dompier, Dale Parkila. Nays: None. Absent: Jerry Dompier.

The next regular meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 6:00 PM.