

Baraga Township Planning Commission - MINUTES

Public Hearing – June 3, 2026, 6:00 PM

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

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Dale Parkila.
2. Roll Call: Present - Dale Parkila, Nick Lozier, Bonnie Dompier, Dianne Koskinen, Jerry Dompier. Absent – none. Chairperson Dale Parkila declared that a quorum is present. The sign-in sheet was completed with Zoning Administrator Jason McCarthy and ten public in attendance.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Chairperson Dale Parkila opened the public hearing and announced the purpose of the public meeting at 6:05 PM.
 - a. Public hearing pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, to receive public comment on the proposed Baraga Township Zoning Ordinance update, and to consider making a recommendation to the Baraga Township Board regarding adoption of the updated Zoning Ordinance.
 - b. Chairperson Dale Parkila thanked the public for their input and patience during this long process of updating the zoning ordinance.
 - c. The Planning Commission reviewed the general summary of proposed amendments presented by Jason McCarthy (attached).
5. Chairperson Dale Parkila opened the hearing to public comment.
 - a. Phil LaCourt, 13003 Tervo RD, Baraga, MI 49908: LaCourt presented his suggestions and edits to the zoning ordinance update (attached).
 - b. Ellen Lutz, 11383 Des Rochers RD, Pelkie, MI 49946 presented her suggestions and edits to the zoning ordinance update (attached).
6. Discussion:
 - a. The Planning Commission discussed the process of moving forward with presenting the zoning ordinance update to the Baraga Township board.
 - b. Jason McCarthy of Northwoods Planning & Zoning Services thanked the public for their reviews and indicated that he feels confident the changes can be incorporated into the zoning ordinance update without further review.
 - c. Motion: A motion was made by Jerry Dompier, supported by Bonnie Dompier, to recommend to the Baraga Township board to adopt the draft of the zoning

ordinance update contingent upon the minor edits provided at this public hearing.

- i. Vote: The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 5-0. Ayes: Nick Lozier, Dianne Koskinen, Bonnie Dompier, Dale Parkila, Jerry Dompier.
Nays: None. Absent: None.

7. Chairperson Dale Parkila closed the public hearing at 6:29 PM.

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion: A motion was made by Dianne Koskinen, supported by Nick Lozier, to adjourn at 6:30 PM.
 - i. Vote: The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

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