

# Baraga Township Zoning Board of Appeals - MINUTES

Meeting – April 8, 2026, 5:00 PM

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

1. Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM by Township Supervisor George Danielson.
2. Roll Call:
  - Present: Dianne Koskinen, Garrick Lamb, Phil LaCourt
  - Absent – Ariel Gougeon.
  - Supervisor Danielson declared that a quorum is present. The sign-in sheet was completed with one public in attendance.
3. Appointment of officers:
  - a. Chairperson: A motion was made by Garrick Lamb, supported by Phil LaCourt, to appoint Dianne Koskinen as Chairperson of the Baraga Township Zoning Board of Appeals.
    - i. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
  - b. Vice Chairperson: A motion was made by Dianne Koskinen, supported by Phil LaCourt, to appoint Garrick Lamb as Vice Chairperson of the Baraga Township Zoning Board of Appeals.
    - i. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
  - c. Secretary: A motion was made by Dianne Koskinen, supported by Garrick Lamb, to appoint Ariel Gougeon as Vice Chairperson of the Baraga Township Zoning Board of Appeals.
    - i. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
4. Agenda April 8, 2026:
  - A motion was made by Garrick Lamb, supported by Dianne Koskinen, to approve the agenda for the April 8, 2026, meeting of the Baraga Township Zoning Board of Appeals as presented.
  - i. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
5. Minutes October 1, 2025:
  - TABLED pending presence of Ariel Gougou, secretary.
6. Public Comment: None
7. New Business:
  - a. New Master Plan – The new master plan was approved by the Baraga Township Board in January 2026.

- b. New Zoning Ordinance – The Planning Commission is continuing work on the new zoning ordinance, which is expected to be ready for adoption within the next 30 to 60 days. The Commission aims to present the finalized draft to the Baraga Township Board at its May 14, 2026, meeting, if possible; otherwise, the goal is to present it at the June 11, 2026, meeting. Supervisor Danielson will ensure that the Zoning Board of Appeals receives copies of the ordinance once it has been adopted.
- 8. Old Business: None
- 9. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Appeals will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 5:30 PM.
- 10. Adjournment:
  - A motion was made by Dianne Koskinen, supported by Phil LaCourt, to adjourn at 5:13 PM.
  - i. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.