Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes for: Monday, September 14, 2026

Commissioners:

Name	Present	Absent
Barry Visel (Chairman)		X
Eric Jasiak	X	
Josh Dec	X	
Tamra Stafford	X	
Nathan Miersma	X	
Todd Batts	X	
Bob Goertler	X	

Also present:

Name	Description
Don Ulsh	Supervisor

Call to order: Vice-Chair Dec opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of agenda:
Commission Stafford motioned to move old business ahead of new business in the agenda, given the anticipated time that would be spent on new business. Commissioner Batts motioned to remove 7C from the agenda. Both motions were seconded by Commissioner Miersma and carried 6-0.

Approval of previous meeting minutes
Commissioner Jasiak motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the August 10 Planning Commission meeting, inclusive of one proposed change to remove the phrase "it did not make sense." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stafford, which carried 6-0.

Public comments / citizen time:

1. None

Old business:

1. Commissioner Stafford motioned to un-table the Site Plan review for CampNorth RV, seconded by Commissioner Miersma; Motion passed 6-0.
    a. Mr. Nicholas Marietti represented CampNorth RV and explained the history behind the property and the driveway in question.

b. Commissioner Batts highlighted that MDOT requires curb, pavement, etc. for commercial driveway and that CampNorth RV has not contacted MDOT.
c. Commissioner Miersma motioned to re-table the site plan review until the updated site plan has been reviewed by the newly appointed zoning administrator. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Batts and approved 6-0.

New business:

2. Public Hearing – Artificial Intelligence Data Center Ordinance
    a. Commissioner Stafford motion to open the public hearing at 6:24pm, seconded by Commissioner Miersma.
    b. Numerous members of the public provided valuable feedback and input regarding the township's direction related to zoning and regulation of AI data centers in Schoolcraft Township.
    c. Commissioner Miersma motioned to close the public hearing at 7:24pm, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Stafford. Motion passed 6-0.
    d. Public hearing was closed at 7:24 by Vice-Chair Dec.
    e. Commissioner Batts motioned to table the discussion until the October planning commission meeting, allowing the planning commission to consider the feedback provided during the meeting. Motion was seconded by Jasiak and passed 6-0.

2. Public Hearing – Animal Rehab Ordinance
    a. Commissioner Miersma motion to open public hearing at 7:38pm; seconded by Commissioner Goertler.
    b. Commissioner Stafford moves to close public hearing at 7:41pm, seconded by Commissioner Jasiak. Motion passed 6-0.
    c. Commissioner Miersma motioned to recommend approval of text amendment changes including changing "may" to "shall" in section 21, subsection A(2).
    d. Motion carried 6-0.

Report from the Township Board:
Commissioner Stafford provided a summary report from the September township board activities:

- Held preliminary discussions on acquiring a park emergency alert system (township does not have one currently). Working with four companies to obtain quotes. The plan is for the township to apply for a grant to purchase PA, lightning detection, and emergency alert systems.
- Discussed additional pay for early voting support; board approved retroactive pay to ensure the township clerk was paid for additional required hours worked.
- Approved BS&A quote (online assessing system). The township's current solution is transitioning to being cloud-based. Township approved the transition and related fees.

- Approved tablets for township board members for conducting township business.
- Approved resolution for SURF fiber internet in a section of the township
- Approved final project for Matt Mussellman development
- Approved moving the remainder of the township's finances to Consumers Credit Union, including transitioning to a new credit card with the credit union.
- Provided an update on dangerous buildings (property on Barton Lake).
- Budget amendments were approved.

Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. None

Commissioner Stafford motioned to adjourn the planning commission meeting, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Dec. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm by Vice-Chair Dec.