

Minutes: Mendon Township Planning Commission Public Hearing
Date: April 21, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Mendon Township Library

Chairperson Kline called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Planning Commission members present per roll call; Ahrens, Hart, Kline and McClish.

The minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting were submitted for consideration. A motion was made by Hart, supported by Ahrens to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The agenda was submitted for consideration. A motion was made by Ahrens, supported by Hart, to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

5. Public Hearing: None

6. Public Comments and Communications: Matt Jorgensen – New Zoning Ordinance Enforcement person replacing Doug Kuhlman.

This year the Township has had three (3) permits issued, two of them approved. One unapproved has to do with a deck on the back of their house on Portage Lake.

One thing I did notice is that a large strip of the properties on that lake is zoned Agricultural. This should be looked at and potentially be rezoned properly?

Chair Kline: We can add that to new business for the next meeting to discuss updating that zoning ordinance. We have not updated our zoning ordinances in quite some time.

Supervisor Kline: There is something that the township can do to bring this to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). We have not used the ZBA for, I don't remember the last time.

We just haven't had to. Matt: I have some information that may help with this. I can provide that information to you. That would possibly help you with the zoning issue at Portage Lake. Supervisor Kline, I think you may want to revisit the fee schedule in place because most of my other jurisdictions are charging more than that number for publications.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. None

8. New Business:

a. Township Fire Station back on the table – Grant money was approved three years ago. Year two, if it was approved, however their house appropriations committee cut some of this funding. Now, the township was just approved again, with some level of confidence, that this third time around hopefully the house won't cut the funding again. If we get this funding, they wouldn't release those funds until March 2027, I believe.

9. Administrative Items:

- a. Chair Kline: Regular Meetings for the 2026 year will be the 3rd Tuesday of each Quarter (January 13th**, April 21st, July 21st and October 20th).
- b. Special meetings on an as-needed basis the 3rd Tuesday of each month-Except Holidays.

** Indicates the second Tuesday of that month

10. Miscellaneous Commissioner Comments:

- a. McClish; I was asked about Solar going in East of town. Kline: I do know that Jim Haas has possibly sold property there. No one has applied at this time.
 - b. Matt: asked if there is a solar ordinance in place for Mendon Township, which there is. He inquired about a battery storage ordinance to which Chair Kline indicated has not been developed yet. Matt suggested that should be added to the Township ordinance updates.
11. A motion was made by Ahrens, supported by Hart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Cupp
Township Clerk