

Standish Township Planning Commission
4997 Arenac State Rd., Standish, MI 48658
Meeting Minutes 5-5-2026

1. Call to order

President Steve Tromley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. Roll Call:

Present: Steve Trombley, Amy Buttrick, and Ace Castle.

3. Pledge of Allegiance, and seconded by Castle

4. Approval of Agenda

- Motion made by Buttrick, seconded by Castle
- Voice vote- 3 Ayes and 0 Nays
- Motion carried

5. Motion to approve minutes from 3-3-2026

- Motion made by Castle and seconded by Buttrick
- Voice vote- 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.
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Unfinished Business

1. Standish Speedway Jerry LaLonde.

As the planning commission requested, Jerry had his property split into 2 parcels: 5.19 acres of Speedway and 34.00 acres of residential/commercial. Jerry is waiting for his attorney to finalize the deeds for the property.

The planning board recommends an ordinance change once the deeds are recorded.

A motion was made to move forward with the necessary amendments to the zoning ordinance to allow the speedway to reopen.

A motion was made by Castle and seconded by Buttrick.

-Voice vote: 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

-Motion carried

New Business

1. Standish Township Zoning Administrator Tom McCoy

Tom has had 3 residents contact him about building tiny homes in the township. The current minimum home size is 910 square feet. He recommended that the planning commission consider lowering the square footage to allow residents to use the smaller lots for possible tiny homes. The board agreed to discuss and research the lowering of the 910 square foot minimum.

Public comment:

There is concern about the blight in the township. Many examples were given by residents who have experienced living near the same blighted properties for 25 plus years. There is a general frustration about the lack of enforcement. The planning commission agreed to ask the township to review the enforcement of the current blight ordinances.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Buttrick and seconded by Castle to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Minutes recorded by Amy Buttrick, Secretary

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