

Standish Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
4997 Arenac State Road, Standish, Michigan 48658
July 7, 2026

1. Call to Order

President Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. Roll Call:

Present: Trombley, Stukel, Castle, Schwab, Buttrick

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Stukel and seconded by Castle.

Voice vote- 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Buttrick and seconded by Castle

Voice vote- 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6. Unfinished business

- a. Fence ordinance: The planning commission recommends that the township board amend the fence ordinance to require that Lakeshore fences be chain link (transparent) and 48 inches in height.

A motion was made by Trombley and seconded by Stukel.

Voice vote: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- b. Master plan Grant. Scott Stukel reported that no grants are currently available for funding Master Plan updates. The planning commission will pursue future master plan grant opportunities. The master plan is not required to be updated at this time; the planning commission will take up this topic at a later time.

New Business

- 1. Public Hearing for text amendments reducing the minimum floor area for dwelling units in the Residential, Agricultural Preservation, Forest and Recreation, and Lakeshore zoning districts.

An Ordinance amending the Standish Township Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 2014-11-01, to modify the minimum floor area for dwelling units in Residential, Agricultural Preservation, Forest and Recreational, and the Lakeshore Zoning Districts.

The minimum floor area would be revised to:

- 720 square feet for a single-family dwelling.
- 1440 square feet for a two-family dwelling.

A Motion was made to open the public hearing by Trombley and seconded by Stukel. Voice vote: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The public was allowed to comment.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Stukel and seconded by Buttrick. Voice vote: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The public hearing was closed.

A motion to recommend the board adopt the text amendments was made by Trombley and seconded by Stukel.

Voice vote: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays .

Motion carried.

2. Public hearing for text amendments to amend Article 2, section 2.27 entitled “Nuisance Noises” to create a new section 2.37 in Article 2 regulating racetracks, amending Article 5, section 5.5.4, amending Article 6, section 6.12.1 “Special Land Use Requirements”, and amending Article 11 to create a new definition of “Racetrack” and amending the definition of Commercial Recreation.

A motion was made to open the public hearing by Stukel and seconded by Trombley. Voice vote: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The public was allowed to comment.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Castle and seconded by Schwab. Voice vote: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by XXX, and seconded by XXX to recommend that the board adopt the text amendments for a change to the noise ordinance and definition of racetracks. Voice vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Public comment held. The purpose of the public comment period is for members of the public to inform the planning commission of issues, communicate requests and needs of the citizens applicable to planning commission business.

Public Comment

There was a concern about Airbnbs being allowed to operate in the Lakeshore district. A resident wants clarification on the information we received from the township attorney as to why they can't be stopped from operating.

Another group of residents are concerned about the blight in Wells addition. They were concerned about weeds, junk, garbage, abandoned structures and the lack of enforcement.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stukel and seconded by Trombley. Voice vote: 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:39

Amy Buttrick
Secretary