

Standish Township Planning Commission Meeting
Standish Township Hall 4997 Arenac State Road
Standish, Michigan, January 6th 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Roll Call

Present: Stukel, Trombley, Schwab, Castle, Buttrick

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Stukel and seconded by Buttrick. Voice vote all in favor 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes 10-7-2026. A motion was made to approve the minutes from 10-7-2026 by Buttrick, and seconded by Castle. Voice vote: all in favor, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Unfinished Business

1. Standish Speedway.

Mr. LaLonde is hoping to open the speedway for special events to be held in 2026. He is thinking about events like Bump and Runs, swap meets, demolition derbys, car shows etc. The planning commission decided to table the decision to make any ordinance changes until it receives more information from Mr. LaLonde.

We asked him to have a new survey of the property. He needs to separate the 2 parcels of property, the business property from the residential property.

2. Lakeshore fences

The planning commission is discussing different solutions to the fencing ordinances. Height, type of material, safe spaces, setback, and waterfront views were all part of the discussion. The commission decided to table this until the next meeting on March 3rd.

3. Master Plan update

We discussed finding grant money to help pay for the Township's Master Plan, which needs to be updated. Scott Stukel is looking for grants.

4. Wind and solar power were discussed. More information and input are needed. There were some concerns from residents regarding wind and solar in 2025. This will be covered in the Master Plan update.

5. Resolution 2026P-01

A motion was made by Stukel to adopt resolution 2026P-01
The meeting dates for 2026.

It was seconded by Trombley. Roll call vote: Buttrick-yes, Schwab-yes, Trombley-yes, Stukel-yes, Castle-yes.

Motion carried.

6. Public comment: none
7. Announcements: Need Zoning Board of Appeals alternates and Board of Review alternates.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trombley and seconded by Stukel. Voice vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Minutes taken by Amy Buttrick, Secretary