

Standish Township Planning Commission
Standish Township Hall 4997 Arenac State Road,
Standish, Michigan 48658
Meeting Minutes 6/3/25

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Trombley, Buttrick, Stukel, Schwab

Absent: Castle

Opening - Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented

Trombley made the motion, Schwab seconded. Roll call: Stukel-yes, Schwab-yes, Buttrick-yes, Trombley-yes

Motion carried.

Approval of minutes dated April 7, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Schwab and seconded by Buttrick. Roll call: Stukel-yes, Buttrick-yes, Schwab-yes, Trombley-yes.

Motion carried.

Open business

Gushaw Special Use Permit. Soil erosion permit was obtained. Survey was submitted. Excavation Plan will be per demand from customers. Annual report of operations will be submitted by Gushaw at end of each calendar year.

Tom Porter special use permit update- Children and Adult adventure camp project. The planning commission will research the options and process for what he is looking to do and we will get back to him when we have additional information.

New Business

1. Conditional Re-Zoning Process

Stukel presented a draft of a recommended conditional Zoning plan that he had researched.

It included the key principles of conditional rezoning in Michigan. The recommended process for Conditional rezoning in Michigan. It also listed additional considerations to be discussed.

The board agreed to make recommendations to the township board and present the draft Stukel submitted as a starting point for the conditional rezoning process.

Trombley asked for a motion to table the draft.

Buttrick made a motion to table the draft, and Schwab seconded. Roll call: Trombley-yes, Buttrick-yes, Schwab-yes, Stukel-yes

Motion carried.

2. Update to the Township Master Plan

It was recommended that we ask the board to hire someone to write a master plan, review it, and present it to the board.

Trombley made a motion to hire someone to write a master plan, and Schwab seconded the motion. Roll call: Trombley-yes, Buttrick-yes, Schwab-yes, Stukel-yes.

Motion carried.

Public comment

There is concern about short term rentals (VRBO's & AirBnB's) operating in Pt. Wenonah, which is a private road/area. Citizens are concerned about safety, parking, noise, and use of the private launch.

There was much discussion about zoning and laws regarding rentals.

Announcements

Stukel informed the commission that the Standish township website is now up and running. The address is standishtownship.gov

A motion was made by Trombley to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Stukel

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM