

Standish Township Planning Commission Meeting
Standish Township Hall 4997 Arenac State Rd.
Standish, Michigan
August 5, 2025 6:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

2. Roll call.

Present: Trombley, Buttrick, Schwab, Castle

Absent: Stukel

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. Schwab made the motion to approve the agenda, and Castle seconded. Roll call: Schwab-yes. **Buttrick-yes, Trombley-yes, Castle-yes. Motion carried.**

3. **Approval of minutes dated June 3, 2025.**

A motion was made by Schwab to approve the minutes. Castle seconded.

Voice vote : Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried.

4. **Open Business**

1. Conditional rezoning process. The township attorney is working on the process, including the steps involved and a proposed fee schedule, which will be approved by the township board to capture all costs, including attorney fees.

2. Zoning ordinance changes. Several places in our zoning ordinance reference the Arenac County Building Department which will need to be changed when the township makes the switch to Area Code Enforcement. The Planning Commission recommends changing the wording in the zoning ordinance from Arenac County Building Department to duly appointed authority “ by the Township Board. This gives the board flexibility to make changes easily, and it will be more user-friendly.

A motion was made by Buttrick to recommend this change; Castle seconded it. Voice vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.

3. Planning Commission Special Meeting needed.

A meeting needs to be held to discuss a special use permit for the city of Standish. The city needs to extend a communications tower in order to get better service to the city. A date of September 2nd was decided on the planning board. The meeting will be held at 6:30.

Public comment

-VRBO rules were discussed. It was brought up that Standish Township had rules for VRBO at one time.

The blight ordinance process and procedures were also discussed. Residents voiced the need for stricter enforcement, fair and consistent enforcement, and more support for the zoning administrator.

Announcements: none

A motion was made by Schwab to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Castle.

Voice vote: Ayes 4, nays 0.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:09

