PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes

July 13, 2026 **4884 W. Curtis St.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kathy Noel
Arthur Brood
Carolyn Hall
Judy Wright
Barbara Hampton
Cierra McDonald
John Kane

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Nate Beery

Arthur called meeting to order at 6:30

Andy Kay was added to the agenda in the public comment section.

Barb made a motion to approve the agenda. Judy supported, Motion carried.

Kathy made motion to accept the minutes of the May 11th, 2026 meeting, Ciara supported, Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Arthur participated in a Zoom meeting regarding training for Planning and Zoning. He recommends we send Doug to training in 2027.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andy Kay from UP North Advocacy is a volunteer that facilitates information on data centers. He works with Foster and Smith and can help with any information on what local governments can do with zoning and ordinances in regard to data centers. Things to consider are wastewater discharge, noise, and groundwater use. He is volunteering to be a resource if needed.

Joan Reed made a request for Land Division request on M 80 across from the fairgrounds

Joan just needs to complete the application for division and refer back to the township assessor Jessica Mowery.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Assessor Jessica Mowery discussed the dissolving of Windermere Estates. The law is to change in December 2027. The Subdivision can be divided between units. Barb recommended using one title company to do all the splits to keep all paperwork in one location. Jessica will complete the necessary paperwork and submit it to the township attorney.

Motion #1: Motion, by Judy Wright, supported by John Kane, to send information to the township attorney regarding the dissolution of Windermere Estates.

Master plan bids: EUP Regional Planning submitted the only bid for an amount of $25,500. It is noted they will not be able to take this on until 2027. The bid is being forwarded to the township board for their approval.

Parks hours: Request to establish hours and rules. There is not a parks ordinance, the request needs to be addressed to the parks committee to look at the interest of establishing an ordinance.

Cemetery Ordinance: The commission was asked to review the ordinance in regard to recent actions occurring in the cemetery. The commission reviewed the restrictions within the ordinance, but took no action for changes.

Data Centers: After reviewing the information provided by guest, Andy Kay, to help with data center ordinances, John Kane commented that one year is not enough time to establish an ordinance for a data center and recommended to have the moratorium renewable.

Kathy Noel will take the example moratorium provided by MTA and fill in the information pertinent to Kinross Township to present to our attorney for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

Campground request: It was identified that campgrounds can qualify as a special use in R2 district, and is permitted in residential/commercial districts.

Meeting adjourned