PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes

October 12, 2026 **4884 W. Curtis St.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Arthur Brood
Carolyn Hall
Barbara Hampton
Kathy Noel
Judy Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Nate Berry
John Kane
Cierra MacDonald

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:
Jessica Mowery, Twp Assessor
Chris Olson, Chippewa Co. EDC

Arthur called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Barb made the motion to approve the agenda. Kathy supported. Motion carried.

Kathy made the motion to approve the September 14th minutes. Judy supported. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Arthur thanked the subcommittee for interviewing applicants for the Zoning Administrator's position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: Planning Commission Chairman Arthur Brood opened the Public Hearing, at 6:32 PM, on Ordinance 1.143 to Establish a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers, and to Adopt an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (#1.100) to Allow for Temporary Moratoriums.

Chris Olson, President, Chippewa County EDC commended the Commission for its action in protecting the community. Mr. Olson then briefed the group on some facts he has learned, regarding the three primary concerns regarding data centers:

- Water usage technology exists whereby data centers recycle water, reducing usage levels;
- Electric usage – Kinross has more than enough power to serve a data center's needs, if a data center were located here, there would be no need for service upgrades;
- Noise – Data Centers need to be located far from residential areas.

Mr. Olson suggested an informational, question and answer session be arranged to include: a potential data center developer, the Planning Commission and the Kinross Charter Township Board. The Commissioners accepted this suggestion – the **Data Center Information Session was set for: JANUARY 11, 2027 @ 6:30 pm.**

There being no further comments, Chairman Arthur Brood declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:57 PM.

MOTION made by Judy to approve Ordinance 1.143. Barb in support. Motion carried; Ordinance 1.143 will now be sent to the Township Board for consideration at its meeting on October 19, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING: Planning Commission Chairman Arthur Brood opened the Public Hearing, at 6:58 PM, on Ordinance #21-A, to amend Section VI.A.5 of the Land Division Ordinance #21.

Jessica Mowery, Township Assessor, advised the group that the proposed Ordinance #21-A is in line with changes to State Law regarding Land Division. Ordinance #21-A will allow properties within Windermere Condominiums to be subdivided without having to go through the numerous steps, time and funds encountered through the Township's Subdivision Control Ordinance (#20). Ms. Mowery explained that the Windermere owners have paid a significant amount of money already for: dissolving the Condo Association, legal and surveying.

There being no further comments, Chairman Arthur Brood declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:03 PM.

MOTION made by Carolyn to approve Ordinance 21-A. Barb in support. Motion carried; Ordinance 21-A will now be sent to the Township Board for consideration at its meeting on October 19, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:
The subcommittee's recommendation to hire Jerid Norris as the Township Zoning Administrator will be sent to the Kinross Charter Township Board, for consideration at its meeting of October 19, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:
The Commissioners continued review of Water & Sewer Ordinance, combined #1.131.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Brood declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.