

Baraga Township Planning Commission - NOTES

Work Session for Zoning Ordinance Update – February 5, 2026, 6:00 PM

Baraga Township Hall, 13919 M-38, Baraga, MI 49908

1. Work session called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairperson Dale Parkila.
2. Roll Call: Present - Dale Parkila, Nick Lozier, Bonnie Dompier, Dianne Koskinen, Jerry Dompier (phone). Absent – none. Chairperson Dale Parkila declares that a quorum is present. Five members of the public were in attendance. Jason McCarthy, zoning administrator, was present.
3. Public Comment
 - a. Catherine Andrews submitted information on data centers.
 - b. Verbal public comments and questions were heard throughout the work session.
4. Work Session
 - a. Jason McCarthy provided an overview of the background, history, and process involved in updating the zoning ordinance.
 - b. Jason McCarthy reviewed the draft of the new zoning ordinance, outlining which sections will remain unchanged, which will be revised, and which new provisions will be added. The Planning Commission discussed the draft, offered feedback, and made revisions accordingly. Highlights include definitions, campgrounds / RV parks, short term rentals, and data centers.
 - c. The Planning Commission determined that a second work session is needed to finalize the draft zoning ordinance for presentation to the Township Board. The second work session will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at the Baraga Township Hall.
5. Adjournment
 - a. A motion was made to adjourn by Dianne Koskinen supported by Nick Lozier at 7:54 PM.
 - i. Ayes: all in favor
 - Nays: none

The next work session for the zoning ordinance update will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Baraga Township Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM.