

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
Open - Member Open - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
January 7, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 4 PM. Motion to appoint Kay as Chairperson for Meeting. Motion made by John, second by Irene, motion passed.**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL - John Gregg, Kay Frisk, Irene DeRoche, and Zoning Administrator, Mike Simula.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by John, Second by Kay with amendments. Motion passed.**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VI. BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - Recent Permits for Beau's on Lake Arfelin. Stan Starr would like to put a new roof on his two garages next to each other and make one garage. Building permits only allow the garage roof to be 20 feet high. Zoning could raise the height of Accessory buildings or it would have to go to the Board of Appeals for a variance for height. At the present time, Stan doesn't know the height would be since he hasn't drawn up plans.**
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS - Change all Workshop meetings to Special Meetings.**
- IX. NEW BUSINESS - Elections for Chairperson and Secretary. A motion to appoint Kay for Chairperson made by John second by Irene, motion passed. A motion to appoint Irene for Secretary was made by Kay, 2nd by John, motion passed.**
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT - Marsha McBride told us thank you for finishing the Master Plan.**
- XI. BOARD COMMENT - John will make copies of the Master Plan to give the Board members to review and approve. Irene said she will put on the Agenda for February to**

do the Annual Report. We will have a Special Meeting for the Master Plan on January 22, 2025 at 12 PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT - 4:35 PM. Next meeting is in February with the time change to 4 PM rather than 6 PM.

By, Irene DeRoche, Secretary

John Gregg - Liaison Open - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
Kathleen Frisk - Member Open - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting (Workshop)
January 7, 2025**

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 1 PM.** Made a motion for Acting Chair for meeting. 1st by John, second by Irene, motion passed.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**

III. **ROLL CALL - John Gregg, Kathleen Frisk, Irene DeRoche**

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by John with adjustment to Special Meeting rather than Workshop, 2nd by Kay, motion passed.**

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for November 11, 2024 Meeting minutes. Motion made Kay with change to Special Meeting rather than Workshop, 2nd by John, motion passed. December 12, 2024 Workshop minutes with changes to Special Meeting rather than Workshop, motion made by John, second by Kay, motion passed. Minutes for December 20, 2024 Workshop with Special Meeting change. Motion made by John, 2nd by Kay, motion passed.**

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

VII. **BOARD COMMENT -Irene said we had a total of 18 meetings in 2024. 11 Business Meetings and 7 Special Meetings (Workshop).**

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS -**

1. **Master Plan Workshop - Completed computer work. Just need to add new pictures to the plan.**

IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

X. **BOARD COMMENT - None**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT - 4 PM**

By, Irene DeRoche, Secretary

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP BUILDING
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 22, 2025 Minutes**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 12 PM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. **ROLL CALL - Bill Seppanen, Laura Mattson, John Gregg, and Kay Frisk, absent Irene DeRoche**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by Bill, second made by John with the removal of Approval of January 7, 2025 minutes.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VI. **BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Appointments for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary. Motion made by Bill to elect Kay Frisk as Chairperson, second by John, motion passed. Motion made by Bill to elect Irene DeRoche as Secretary, second by John, motion. Passed.**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS-**
 - A. **Workshop - Stopped at Chapter 6**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS-**
 - A. **Going over information Joh Gregg had received from MTA education in Jan. 2025, "Procedures to Adopt or Amend a Master Plan." Worked on Letter for notice of intent to prepare Master Plan. List of places letter was sent included:**
 1. **CN Headquarters
935 de La Gauchetiere Street West
Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3B2M9**
 2. **L'Anse Township
126 N. Main Street/ PO Box 82
L'Anse, MI 49946**

3. **Marquette County Clerk**
234 W Baraga Ave
Marquette, MI 49855
4. **Republic Township**
PO Box 338
Republic, MI 49879
5. **Spurr Township**
29257 U.S. Hwy 41
Michigamme, MI 49861
6. **Arvon Township**
14470 Marinich Drive
L'Anse, MI 49946
7. **Baraga County Clerk**
100 Hemlock St.
Baraga, MI 49908
8. **Champion Township**
5317 U.S. Hwy 41/ PO Box 126
Champion, MI 49814
9. **WE Energies**
PO Box 2046
Milwaukee, WI 53201-2046
10. **Powell Township**
101 Bensinger St.
Big Bay, MI 49808
11. **AT&T**
Whitacre Tower
208 S. Akard St.
Dallas, Texas 75202

- X. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

- XI. **BOARD COMMENT - None**

- XII. **ADJOURNMENT - 4 PM. Next Meeting on February 5, 2025 R 4 PM**

By, Secretary, Irene DeRoche

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP BUILDING
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
February 5, 2025 Minutes**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 4 PM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. **ROLL CALL - Jon Gregg, Kay Frisk, Bill Seppanen, Laura Mattson, Irene DeRoche and Mike Simula.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by Bill, 2nd made by Laura motion passed with amendments with removal of approving January 7, 2025 meetings.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VI. **BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - Mike said he only had some inquiries about properties. We were given a copy of Michigamme Township Zoning Permit Summary for 2024 and a copy of Short Term Rentals for 2024.**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Made a date to have a Workshop on Master Plan on February 19, 2025 at 10 AM**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Annual Report for 2024.**
 - B. **Solar Energy Systems - Homework to Look up MI Act 2023.**
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- XI. **BOARD COMMENT - John gave us homework to read Chapter 7th of the Master Plan. Made changes on some times of Planning Commission Meetings. March 5, 2025 will be at 4 PM, April 2, 2025 will be at 4 PM, May 7, 2025 will be at 7 PM and June 4, 2025 will be at 7 PM. Next month we will appoint a member of the Planning Commission to be on the Board of Appeals that will go to Michigamme Township Board for final approval.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT - 5 PM. Motion made by Bill, second by Kay, motion passed.

By Secretary, Irene DeRoche

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP BUILDING
PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting (Workshop)
February 19, 2025 Minutes**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 10 AM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. **ROLL CALL - Bill Seppanen, Kay Frisk, Laura Mattson and Irene DeRoche,
Absent John Gregg.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by Bill, 2nd by Laura, motion passed.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 7, 2025 Special Meeting Workshop, Motion
made by Kay, 2nd by Bill, motion passed.
January 7, 2025 Regular Business meeting. Motion made by Kay, 2nd by Irene with
change. Motion passed.
January 22, 2025 Organizational Meeting, Motion made by Bill, 2nd by Kay, motion
passed.
February 5, 2025 Regular Business meeting. Motion made by Bill, 2nd by Laura with
change, motion passed.
Planning Commission Annual Report for 2024. Motion made by Bill, 2nd by Laura with
correction in Number 6. Motion passed.**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VII. **BOARD COMMENT - Bill explained that we get a minimum of 2 hours for each
meeting the Planning Commission attends. He explained that when we had a workshop
meeting and then a regular meeting that we should have kept just one time sheet. The
Township would be paying the planning commission members extra due to each
timesheet there is a minimum of 2 hours for each meeting rather than continuing on one
timesheet for both meetings.**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Master Plan - Made some changes in Chapter 7.**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS -**

A. Solar Energy Systems - Look over new information given to members and put on the Agenda for the next Regular Business meeting.

B. Appointment of a member of the Planning Commission to the Board of Appeals. Postpone for the next Regular Business meeting when all members are present.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XI. BOARD COMMENT - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT - 12:15 PM. Next meeting March 5, 2025 at 4 PM

By, Irene DeRoche, Secretary

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
April 2, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 4 PM**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL - Present, Kay Frisk, John Gregg, Irene DeRoche and Mike Simula
Zoning Administrator. Absent, William Seppanen and Laura Mattson.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by John, second by Kay, Motion passed.**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 19, 2025 Special Meeting (Workshop),
motion made by Kay, second by John, Motion passed.**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VII. BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT -Mike Simula issued a couple of permits.**
 - A. Tammy Bleu on Arfelin Lake plans to tear down the garage and relocate for a
new garage. Tearing down the camp permit was issued last year.**
 - B. On February 25th, Doctor Kirk Lanen requested an addition to the garage. He is
located on Blue Road.**
 - C. A renewal of Short-Term Rental for Tammy Coffey 480 Red Road was issued.**
 - D. There was an email from Tower Company on Maple Ridge Road of adding and
replacing equipment on the tower. They are adding a new carrier. They are not
changing the footprint of the Tower, just replacing equipment. No zoning permit
needed. They will need to check with Marquette County for an electrical inquiry.**
 - E. There was a request up the Peshekee Grade close to Lake Arfelin and Lake
Hasseib. A man asked about splitting his 40 acres into two 20's which are zoned
Timber Forest. Mr. Simula did suggest that Michigamme Township can look at it
and possibly rezone. Champion Township took all the Timber Forest land and
recreated a new zoning District. It is not a difficult process to do. It can give
people more flexibility with their 40 acres. They can take a 40 acre parcel, sell it
and make it into 20 acre parcels. 70 percent of Champion Township property is
Timber Forest which puts limits on development. Now people can divide their 40**

acre parcel into 20 acres. Something Michigamme Township could consider. MikeMike said that he told the man that he can send himhim a request to divide his property. He has not sent an email request yet. Mike Simula said that he was on the Planning Commission in Champion when they started changing 40 acre Timber land into 20 acre parcels. He will try to bring documentation next month. People don't have to split their property. They can leave it like they have it. It just gives property owners more flexibility. Another property owner is going to split a parcel of land. He is Zone RP20, so the Assessor will be handling the splitting of this property.

- F. Lisa Rogers sold her home. The new property owners are having a conflict with the neighbor Mike over the driveway. There was no permit for the driveway. Marquette county does the permits for driveways. Mike talked to both parties. They need to have the property line surveyed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS -

- A. Solar Energy Systems - All information was done a few years ago by previous Planning Commission members. A copy was given to members to look over to see if there are needed changes.
- B. Appointment of a member of the Planning Commission to the Board of Appeals is postponed until the next meeting on May 5th.

X. NEW BUSINESS -None - None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. BOARD COMMENT - John said he suggested to the Michigamme Board to use Tech project budget to get the Planning Commission a laptop. It was approved by the Township budget. The laptop is to be shared between the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. How many users will there be is the question. Each user has a fee. Maybe the Secretary or the Chair of the Planning Commission could be the user. Kay mentioned that if we want to put anything in the Michigamme newsletter we have to give notification by their deadline. Add to New Business next month the rate of pay for Chairperson and Secretary. There is training available to Planning Commission members May 14th at NMU.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 5 PM

Secretary, Irene DeRoche

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
May 7, 2025 Minutes**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:03 PM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. **ROLL CALL - Present, John Gregg, Irene DeRoche, William Seppanen and Laura Mattson. Absent, Kay Frisk and Mike Simula Zoning Administrator.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA -Motion made by Bill, second by Laura with date change and additions. Motion passed.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 2, 2025 - Motion made by John, second by Irene. Motion passed.**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VII. **BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - None**
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Solar Energy Systems - Recommendation to have the Michigamme Board members review Michigamme Township Zoning Ordinance changes made by previous Planning Commission members, and recommend the Board send it to the Township Attorney.**
 - B. **Appointment of a member of the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Appointment by Planning Commission to send to the Michigamme Board for Approval. Motion was made by Laura to have William Seppanen be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2nd by Irene. Motion passed.**
 - C. **Special meeting to work on Master Plan revisions. Monday, May 19, 2025 at 1 PM.**
- X. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Rate of pay for Secretary and Chairperson. Bill said at the last Michigamme Township Board meeting they passed to flip the pay for the Chairperson and the**

Secretary of the Planning Commission. The Chairperson rate will now be \$30.00 for a meeting and the Secretary will be \$50.00 for a meeting.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. BOARD COMMENT - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:40 PM

Irene DeRoche - Secretary

John Gregg - Liason

William Seppanen - Member

Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson

Laura Mattson - Member

Irene DeRoche - Secretary

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP

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Michigamme Township Planning Commission

Special Meeting (Workshop)

Location: Michigamme Community Building

Date & Time: May 19, 2025, at 1:15 PM

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ROLL CALL - Present: John Gregg; Bill Seppanen; Laura Mattson; Kay Frisk. Absent: Irene DeRoche**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - Gregg made a motion to approve agenda with one amendment: to add Frisk as acting secretary during DeRoche's absence, seconded by Mattson.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VI. **BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Master Plan - Work continues on the Master Plan, adjustments were made as needed.**

A draft copy of the Master Plan was printed for the Planning Commission to review and compare with a copy of Big Bay's Master Plan at the next Special Meeting (Workshop).
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS - None**
- IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- X. **BOARD COMMENT - Gregg, Seppanen, and Mattson all agreed it was a very successful and productive meeting**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM**

John Gregg-Liaison Kathleen Frisk- Chairperson Irene DeRoche-Secretary

William Seppanen-Member Laura Mattson-Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 4, 2025

Chairperson, Kay called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call, John, Kay, Laura, and Bill were present. Irene was absent.

John made the motion to approve the agenda, supported by Bill, motion carried.

No public comment or board comment.

Zoning Administrator's report. 3 permits were approved. 1. Building a new home on Holli Blue Road by M. Brinker. 2. Fence on Jeremy Reickle's property on Maple Street. 3. New home at 103 S. Mesnard St. by Brock and Chole Sundberg. 4 Sale is pending of the Moose Drop with plans to revert it to a residence, zoned resident/commercial. Mr. and Mrs. Kohlhas are the prospective owners.

Special Meeting to be held on June 23,2025 beginning at 9:30 AM. We will work on finalizing the Master Plan, suggestion of acknowledging prior planning commission members and incorporate ideas from the Powell Township Master Plan.

John made the motion to adjourn 7:52 PM, supported by Kay, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

William Seppanen acting secretary.

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP BUILDING
PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting (Master Plan Workshop)
June 23, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 9:35 AM**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL - Present John Gregg, Kaye Frisk, Irene DeRoche, William Seppanen and Laura Mattson.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion passed by John Gregg, Second by Kaye Frisk, all approved.**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VI. BOARD COMMENT - Add June 4th Business meeting minutes and June 23rd to be approved at next meeting,**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. Master Plan - Ended Workshop with Master Plan on Chapter 7, page 1.**
- VII. NEW BUSINESS -**
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- XII. BOARD COMMENT - None**
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 12:10 PM**

Secretary, Irene DeRoche

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
May 7, 2025 Minutes**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:03 PM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. **ROLL CALL - Present, John Gregg, Irene DeRoche, William Seppanen and Laura Mattson. Absent, Kay Frisk and Mike Simula Zoning Administrator.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA -Motion made by Bill, second by Laura with date change and additions. Motion passed.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 2, 2025 - Motion made by John, second by Irene. Motion passed.**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VII. **BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - None**
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Solar Energy Systems - Recommendation to have the Michigamme Board members review Michigamme Township Zoning Ordinance changes made by previous Planning Commission members, and recommend the Board send it to the Township Attorney.**
 - B. **Appointment of a member of the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Appointment by Planning Commission to send to the Michigamme Board for Approval. Motion was made by Laura to have William Seppanen be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2nd by Irene. Motion passed.**
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XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. BOARD COMMENT - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:40 PM

Irene DeRoche - Secretary

John Gregg - Liason

William Seppanen - Member

Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson

Laura Mattson - Member

Irene DeRoche - Secretary

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Michigamme Township Planning Commission

Special Meeting (Workshop)

Location: Michigamme Community Building

Date & Time: May 19, 2025, at 1:15 PM

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL - Present: John Gregg; Bill Seppanen; Laura Mattson; Kay Frisk. Absent: Irene DeRoche
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - Gregg made a motion to approve agenda with one amendment: to add Frisk as acting secretary during DeRoche's absence, seconded by Mattson.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- VI. BOARD COMMENT - None
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -
 - A. Master Plan - Work continues on the Master Plan, adjustments were made as needed.

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William Seppanen-Member Laura Mattson-Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 4, 2025

Chairperson, Kay called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call, John, Kay, Laura, and Bill were present. Irene was absent.

John made the motion to approve the agenda, supported by Bill, motion carried.

No public comment or board comment.

Zoning Administrator's report. 3 permits were approved. 1. Building a new home on Holli Blue Road by M. Brinker. 2. Fence on Jeremy Reickle's property on Maple Street. 3. New home at 103 S. Mesnard St. by Brock and Chole Sundberg. 4 Sale is pending of the Moose Drop with plans to revert it to a residence, zoned resident/commercial. Mr. and Mrs. Kohlhas are the prospective owners.

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Respectfully submitted,

William Seppanen acting secretary.

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP BUILDING
PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting (Master Plan Workshop)
June 23, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 9:35 AM**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL -** Present John Gregg, Kaye Frisk, Irene DeRoche, William Seppanen and Laura Mattson.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -** Motion passed by John Gregg, Second by Kaye Frisk, all approved.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT -** None
- VI. BOARD COMMENT -** Add June 4th Business meeting minutes and June 23rd to be approved at next meeting,
- VII. OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. Master Plan - Ended Workshop with Master Plan on Chapter 7, page 1.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS -**
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT -** None
- XII. BOARD COMMENT -** None
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 12:10 PM**

Secretary, Irene DeRoche

John Gregg-Liaison Kathleen Frisk- Chairperson Irene DeRoche-Secretary
William Seppanen-Member Laura Mattson-Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES
Special
July 14, 2025

John called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call, John, Laura, and Bill were present. Kay and Irene were absent.

Bill made the motion to appoint John as Chairperson, supported by Laura, motion carried.

John made the motion to appoint Bill as secretary, supported by Laura, motion carried.

Laura made the motion to approve June 4, 2025, and the special meeting June 23, 2025 meetings minutes, supported by John, motion carried.

John typed the revisions of the Master Plan from the workshop held on June 23rd. We agreed that we need to add some current pictures, and the changes made were correct. John is going to add pictures, and we will review at our next regular planning commission meeting.

Laura made the motion to adjourn at 11:12 AM, supported by John, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted


William Seppanen as acting secretary

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
August 6, 2025 Minutes**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 6 PM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. **ROLL CALL - Present Kay Frisk- Chairperson, John Gregg - Liaison, Irene DeRoche - Secretary and Member Laura Mattson. Absent - William Seppanen**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by John, second by Kay, motion passed.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VI. **BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - Not Present**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS -**
 1. **We went through the whole Master Plan looking for errors and made suggested changes.**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS -**
 1. **Recreation Plan will be next on the Agenda after the Master Plan is completed.**
- X. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- XI. **BOARD COMMENT - None**
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT - 8 PM**

Secretary, Irene DeRoche

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
September 3, 2025 Minutes**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 6 PM**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. **ROLL CALL - John Gregg, Kay Frisk, Irene DeRoche, Bill Seppanen and Laura Mattson. Mike Simula, Zoning Administrator. All present.**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - John made a motion, Second by Irene, motion passed**
- V. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6, 2025 MINUTES - John made a motion, Second by Kay, motion passed.**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT -**
 - A. **Phillip Euling talked about zoning concerns he has about Lakeshore zoning ordinances. Some property owners are not following Lakeshore Zoning ordinances. Michigamme Township Lakeshore Zoning ordinances went into effect in the 1990's. Property owners on the lake have a buffer zone of 50 feet on their lake shore property to use for such things as putting their boats in and out of water.**
- VII. **BOARD COMMENT - John mentioned for next month to add to the agenda Lakeshore zoning ordinance. Mr. Euling information that was brought up at the meeting which we decided that the Planning and Zoning Commission will write a letter to educate lake front property owners.**
- VIII. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT -**

Mike mentioned that there were some zoning permits in June and July of 2025.

 1. **There was a fence permit for Natalie Mendez on Rail Road St.**
 2. **Kerry and Tammy Blau have a permit for a new camp on Lake Arfelin.**
 3. **Adam Simonsen on Cardinal/Red Road has a permit for a new deck.**
 4. **John Koski on Main St. has a permit for a new garage.**
 5. **Jeanette Patterson on Lake Eleanor has a permit for a new addition to her camp.**

There were no permits in August.

There was an inquiry about a lot in town for a tiny house. Michigamme Zoning Ordinance says in residential areas, a home has a minimal footage of 575 square feet. A tiny house will not meet zoning requirements. If it was a recreational structure, it can be less than 575 square feet. A year around home can't be less than 575 square feet. Zoning would have to be amended to allow for Tiny homes.

There is a Land Division up the Grade that is almost finished. It is a 40 acre parcel of land that will be divided into two 20 acres parcels. It is Zoned RP so it is fine to be divided.

IX. OLD BUSINESS -

1. Master Plan - Bill made some suggestions about changes in the Master
2. Plan.

X. NEW BUSINESS - None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. BOARD COMMENT -Bill suggested as homework to make a letter about Lakeshore Zoning.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 8 PM

Secretary: 

John Gregg-Liaison Kathleen Frisk- Chairperson Irene DeRoche-Secretary
William Seppanen-Member Laura Mattson-Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

MEETING MINUTES

Special
July 14, 2025

John called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call, John, Laura, and Bill were present. Kay and Irene were absent.

Bill made the motion to appoint John as Chairperson, supported by Laura, motion carried.

John made the motion to appoint Bill as secretary, supported by Laura, motion carried.

Laura made the motion to approve June 4, 2025, and the special meeting June 23, 2025 meetings minutes, supported by John, motion carried.

John typed the revisions of the Master Plan from the workshop held on June 23rd. We agreed that we need to add some current pictures, and the changes made were correct. John is going to add pictures, and we will review at our next regular planning commission meeting.

Laura made the motion to adjourn at 11:12 AM, supported by John, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted


William Seppanen as acting secretary

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
October 1, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 6:02 PM
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -
- III. ROLL CALL - John Gregg, Kay Frisk, Irene DeRoche, Bill Seppanen and Laura Mattson. Mike Simula, Zoning Administrator. All present.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Bill made a motion with correction of a spelling error, Second by John, motion passed
- V. Approval of September 3, 2025 minutes - John made a motion, second by Bill, motion passed. Approval of minutes for July 14, 2024 - John made a motion, second by Laura, motion passed.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT -
 - A. Steve and Louise Grobl. Steve wanted information to pull his property of about 1,000 acres out of commercial property zoning. He owns around one mile of roadway on the Peshikee Road (607) in Michigamme Township.
- VII. BOARD COMMENT -
- VIII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT -

There were no Zoning Applications in the month of September.
- IX. OLD BUSINESS -
 1. Letter to residents of Lakeshore Zoning
- X. NEW BUSINESS - None
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- XII. BOARD COMMENT
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 8:03 PM

By Secretary Irene DeRoche

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
DATE: 10/15/1964
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
November 5, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 6:05 PM**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL - Kay Frisk, Irene DeRoche, Bill Seppanen and Laura Mattson. Mike Simula, Zoning Administrator. Absent: John Gregg**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Bill made a motion with adding Master Plan to old business and remove under old business Lakeshore/River Zoning Ordinance letter. Second by Laura, motion passed.**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR October 1, 2025. Motion made by Bill, second by Kay, motion passed.**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - John Mallard asked some questions on Zoning Policies.**
- VII. BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VIII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - Mike said only Permit last month was a Garden Shed for Donald and Julia Leake. Mike reviewed a Green Road Short-Term Rental. A complaint was made about a new construction on Green Road. Mike didn't see any new construction with the address given.**
- IX. OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. Master Plan. Went through Community input and have suggested changes.**
- X. NEW BUSINESS - None**
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - John Mallard mentioned google maps had street names incorrectly for Michlgamme Township, such as Cottage is Industrial Drive.**
- XII. BOARD COMMENT - None**
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:35 PM**

By Secretary Irene DeRoche

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William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
December 10, 2025 Minutes**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 6:08 pm**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. **ROLL CALL - Present: John Gregg, Irene DeRoche, Bill Seppanen and Laura Mattson. Absent: Kay Frisk**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Bill made a motion to change the date of business meeting and add under new business the Recreation Plan and add under old business the Master Plan. 2nd by John. Motion passed.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR Nov. 5, 2025. Motion made by John with spelling correction, second by Bill, motion passed.**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VII. **BOARD COMMENT -None**
- VIII. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - Absent**
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Lakeshore/River Zoning Ordinance Letter. The letter was sent out to landowners on Lake Michigamme.**
 - B. **Master Plan. We inserted pictures into the Master Plan and stopped on page 36.**
- X. **NEW BUSINESS -**
 - A. **Recreation Plan. We just found out that the Recreation Plan is expiring. Recreation Plans that were given to present members was written on the plan that it was good from 2021 to 2026. Present members of the Planning Commission were not involved in the past Recreation Plan. We went over what is required to be done for a 5 year plan by February 1, 2026. We looked over survey information to develop a new survey to send out to property owners in the Michigamme Township. We will set up a Special Meeting for the Recreation Plan**

on December 17, 2025. Discuss finding out what we have to do in order to reach the February 1, 2026 deadline.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. BOARD COMMENT - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:59 PM

Secretary, Irene DeRoche

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP BUILDING
PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting (Workshop)
December 17, 2025 MINUTES**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:10 PM
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -
- III. ROLL CALL - John Gregg, Kay Frisk, Irene DeRoche, Bill Seppanen and Laura Mattson. All Present
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by Bill with adding Master Plan, Second by Kay, motion passed.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- VI. BOARD COMMENT - None
- VII. OLD BUSINESS -
 - A. Recreation Plan- There is not enough time to get a Recreation Plan in by February 1, 2026. Grant money that will be available for Michigamme Township in the year 2026, grant money through the Recreation Passport. As a workshop we developed a Public Survey for the Recreation Plan. We will have an online survey plus hard copies available for those individuals that do not have access online.
 - B. Master Plan. We postponed the Master Plan for a Special Meeting on January 6, 2026 at 1PM
- VII. NEW BUSINESS -
 - A. Planning Commission business meeting scheduling for 2026. Michigamme Township already printed the schedule.
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- XII. BOARD COMMENT - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 9:10 PM John made a motion to adjourn meeting, Bill second, motion passed.

Secretary, Irene DeRoche

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