

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
August 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Recorded and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ruppel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Randy Ruppel, Lance Miller, Kenneth Junak, Tom Tembreull– Present

Also present Kelly Schultz, Recording Secretary & Ed Young, Township Supervisor/Zoning Administrator – Dotty Lajoie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Miller to approve the agenda, with support from Tembreull. Ayes –4, Nays – 0.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Miller to approve the minutes from July 13, 2026, meeting and public hearing. Seconded by Junak. Ayes -4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

• **ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

- o Zoning Permits:
 - Gary Hosmer mobile home
 - Nino Fogaroli house
 - Jesse Moraska storage shed
- o Violation(s):
 - None
- o Complaints:
 - None
- o On-going:
 - Former Diorite School: ongoing
 - Carello/Beaupied: ongoing
 - Leaf Cabins: ongoing
 - Jerzi's: ongoing
 - Harsilla's: ongoing
 - Lajoie: bunk house no permits, ongoing

- 444 CR CKK: spoke with owner and he agreed that the house will be secured and closed in, he was working on getting a telehandler there so he could reach the upper windows and roof.
- o New Developments:
 - None
- o Training:
 - None
- o Phone Calls and Emails:
 - phone call regarding property for sale on 496 that is currently not split from the parent parcel, also the parcel for sale is only 8 acres and the property is zoned R10 so the current owner is going to put in for rezoning so he can make the split and sell the 8-acre parcel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. *US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes*: Chair Ruppel passed around the US-41 Corridor minutes for commissioners to read.
- B. *Iron Ore Heritage Trail Meeting Updates*: passed around.
- C. *Master Plan/CUPPAD Updates*: Dotty Lajoie from CUPPAD attended. Members agreed the draft plan is acceptable; several confirmed they had reviewed and were ready to move forward. Motion to adopt made by Tembreull and seconded by Junak: to recommend to the township board to release the draft master plan for the 63-day period and requesting that they be the final adoption authority. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Dotty will attend next Board meeting to advise responsibilities along with a copy of the draft plan.
- D. *Short Term Rental Ordinance Discussion* –Changes presented: cap density is 2 per square mile, application/inspection/appeal fee =\$250, renewal fee = \$100 and additional operational fee of \$50 per hour for work exceeding 4 hours. Motion passed, Ayes-4, Nays-0.
- E. *Planning Commission Habitat for Humanity* – nothing new to discuss currently.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Clarksburg Cemetery* – Restoration interest expressed. Contact the local Marquette County Historical Society and/or Marquette Catholic Diocese before the next meeting to request any Clarksburg cemetery records and ask for restoration suggestions or interested partners for a plaque/repair project.
- B. *Data Center Moratorium* - Prepare a moratorium/resolution document for data centers (tie to zoning and buffers), as discussed and have it ready to present at the next meeting for review and vote (moratorium term up to 12 months, with possible 6-month extension).
- C. *Marquette County Road Commission crack and seal* – NA, this was previously discussed and voted on in prior meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

BOARD COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Chair Ruppel

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Schultz, Recording Secretary