

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
February 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Lance Miller, Kenneth Junak, Tom Tembreull– Present
Chair Randy Ruppel, Ed Young, Zoning Administrator — Absent
Also present Danielle Burke, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Miller to approve the agenda, with support from Tembreull. Ayes –3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Miller to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Junak.
Ayes -3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Danielle Burke read the Zoning Administrator's report

1. Zoning Permits:
 - a. Dan Moore apartment approval
2. Violation(s):
 - a. Nothing new
3. Complaints:
 - a. Nothing new
4. On-going:
 - a. Former Diorite School: Nothing new.
 - b. Carello/Beaupied: Nothing new.
 - c. Carlson gate. Nothing new
5. New Developments: None
6. Training: None
7. Phone Calls and Emails:
 - a. Quinnell's called in regard to parcels they had rezoned back in 2022 asking what they were rezoned to and why it was never updated on the online maps

- b. Amy Stephens emailed over the meeting minutes and parcel ID numbers from when Quinnell's rezoned parcels in 2022
 - c. Jeff Parks called and left a message stating he had zoning questions. I returned his call and left him a voicemail; he never called back.
 - d. Phil Cobb emailed asking to have a form filled out for a mobile repair shop, I have not seen the form yet.
 - e. Leda Olmsted from Peninsula Solar emailed asking if they had to go through a public hearing to replace an existing solar array. I responded and told her it would depend on if it was a previously permitted array or if it was in non-compliance and that I would need a property ID so I could look into it. No further correspondence from Peninsula Solar
8. Dylan sent me an email asking about splitting a parcel that is zoned industrial and wanted to know if the smaller parcel would still meet the minimum size requirements for the industrial zoning district. I answered his question for him.

Ed Young, Zoning Administrator

NEW BUSINESS

All New Business was tabled until more Planning Commission members are present

- A. Election of Officers
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice Chairperson
 - c. Secretary
- B. Township Owned Property

OLD BUSINESS

- A. *US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes*: Danielle read last month's minutes to the Planning Commission
- B. *Master Plan/CUPPAD Updates*: Dotty Lajoie from CUPPAD attended. Dotty went over the next steps in the Master Plan process. She suggested to the commissioners that they should get some type of training in zoning. The next step in the Master Plan process is the future land use mapping. The future land use map ties together with zoning so that's why it is important to understand zoning.
- C. *Iron Ore Heritage Trail Meeting Updates*: Information was given in the packet--Nothing to act on.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

BOARD COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. by Commissioner Miller

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Burke, Recording Secretary