

Helena Township Planning Commission Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes

April 3, 2025 @ 5:00pm

8751 Helena Road, Alden, Michigan 49612

Call to Order: Chair Mike Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All in room participated.

Roll Call: Present – S. Moglovkin, F. VandenBerg, J. Bassil, J. Gurr, M. Robinson, and J. Schilling
(Absent – G. Shafer)

Township Officials Present: Bob Logee

Approval of Agenda: J. Gurr motioned to approve agenda and J. Schilling seconded. Motion approved.

Statement of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts.

Approval of March 06, 2025 Minutes: J. Gurr motioned to approve minutes and S. Moglovkin seconded. Motion approved.

Communications:

1. ZBA training for individuals on the Helena Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board will take place on May 1st, 2025 at the Helena Township Community Center.

New Business:

- Zoning Administrator Report: Submission of March 2025 report was shared.

Meeting Closed at 5:28pm

- Review of Ordinance 5.02.02 and definitions with attorney input was provided to meeting participants prior to the meeting.

Public Comment related to Ordinance 5.02.02 and definitions:

1. Gary Mayes inquired about the number of boats per 100 feet or under of shoreline.
2. Laura Wilcox inquired about adding solar to type of motor definition.
3. Paul Sak inquired about additional shoreline and number of boats permitted.
4. Melinda Hamilton and Gerry Schwandt submitted questions that were read aloud.

- Helena Township Planning Commission completed Finding of Fact, Motion/Vote. J. Gurr motioned to approve the ordinance update, J. Schilling seconded. Ordinance 5.02.02 and definitions were approved per vote below.

Voted Yes: S. Moglovkin, F. VandenBerg, M. Robinson, J. Gurr, and J. Schilling

Voted No: J. Bassil

Meeting Reopened at 6:43pm

New Business:

- A letter from the Antrim Township attorney regarding the existing short-term ordinance indicates that at this time no changes are warranted.
- Carolyn and Gregg Nowfel inquired about the Helena Township Ordinance for nuisances/blight. A home next to them has been vacant for over 30 years, 1st and 2nd floors have collapsed into the basement, and it has become a safety hazard.

Old Business:

- J. Gurr advised that target dates for the FEMA Flood Plain have been extended.

Adjourn:

- J. Gurr motioned to adjourn and S. Moglovkin seconded. March 06, 2025 meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fay M. VandenBerg, Helena Township Planning Commission Recording Secretary