

Helena Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 05, 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 – F. Vandenberg, J. Gurr, M. Robinson, G. Schafer, J. Schilling and Darren Whipple
Absent – David Hunstad

Township Officials Present: Butch Peeples and Bob Logee.

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

Organizational Appointments made by Butch Peeples:

- Mike Robinson – Chair [motion by F. Vandenberg/2nd by J. Schilling/unanimously passed]
- Jim Gurr – Vice Chair [motion by G. Schafer/2nd by J. Schilling/ unanimously passed]
- Fay Vandenberg – Secretary [motion by M. Robinson/2nd by D. Whipple/ unanimously passed]

Helena Township Planning Commission meeting schedule for balance of 2025 – June 2026

Motion by J. Schilling/2nd by G. Schafer and motion passed.

- First Thursday of every month at 5:00pm
- No July meeting

Conflict of Interest: No conflicts.

Approval of May 08, 2025 Minutes: J. Schilling motioned to approve minutes and G. Schafer seconded. Motion approved.

Communications:

- Helena Township Planning Commission & Board website is down. Inacom has been contacted regarding service and support for fix.

Public Comments: Related to Ordinance 5.02.02

It was a pleasure to have so many Helena Township residents at this meeting sharing their diverse thoughts and opinions.

- The HTPC was encouraged to provide clarification of the word "use" in the ordinance at [5.02.02, D. *Additional Restrictions – 3) "Use " of powered watercraft shall be...*]
- Boat lifts/docks – need a statement that includes setbacks from property lines to reduce encroachment.
- Clarify and document specific 5.02.02 terms for grandfathering and exemptions.

Motion by J. Schilling, 2nd by G. Schafer / motion approved to move forward with current/approved documentation for ordinance 5.02.02 for Public Hearing.

New Business:

- Bob Logee, Zoning Administrator, shared the May 2025 zoning activity report.

Announcements:

- Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 19th, 2025 at 5pm at the Helena Township Community Center regarding Ordinance 5.02.02 language at D. Additional Restrictions.
- There will be no July 03rd, 2025 Helena Township Planning Commission meeting.
- Next regular Helena Township Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, August 07th, 2025

Adjourn:

- J. Schilling motioned to adjourn and G. Schafer seconded. June 05, 2025 meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fay M. VandenBerg, Helena Township Planning Commission Secretary