

**Helena Township Planning Commission Public Hearing Minutes**  
**Monday, August 25, 2025 @ 5:00pm**  
**8751 Helena Road, Alden, Michigan 49612**

Call to Order: Chair Jim Gurr called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All in room participated.

Roll Call: Present – F. VandenBerg, J. Gurr, D. Hunstad, M. Robinson, J. Schilling  
Absent – G. Schafer, D. Whipple

Township Officials Present: Butch Peeples, Oryana Leffew and Bob Logee

Approval of Agenda: J. Schilling motioned to approve amended agenda and D. Hunstad seconded. Motion approved.

Conflict of Interest: No conflicts.

Communications: None

Public Comments: None

Public input related to Ordinance 5.02.01 and contiguous definitions was open to residents:

1. Laura Wilcox read a letter indicating she felt Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirements were not followed with regards to advance notice of public hearing.
2. Paul Sak questioned the reasoning for why residential lots that had 100 feet of waterfront were permitted two (2) dwelling units.
3. Gary Mayes indicated he agreed with Laura Wilcox.

It was noted that having the Antrim Review published once a week puts constraints on the fifteen (15) day advance Public Hearing notice. The Planning Commission determined that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 5.02.01 should be re-scheduled to provide the recommended advance notice requirements.

Announcements:

- Next regular Helena Township Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, September 04, 2025

Adjourn:

- The August 25, 2025 Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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