

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
April 2, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 4 PM**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL - Present, Kay Frisk, John Gregg, Irene DeRoche and Mike Simula
Zoning Administrator. Absent, William Seppanen and Laura Mattson.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by John, second by Kay, Motion passed.**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 19, 2025 Special Meeting (Workshop),
motion made by Kay, second by John, Motion passed.**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VII. BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT -Mike Simula issued a couple of permits.**
 - A. Tammy Bleu on Arfelin Lake plans to tear down the garage and relocate for a
new garage. Tearing down the camp permit was issued last year.**
 - B. On February 25th, Doctor Kirk Lanen requested an addition to the garage. He is
located on Blue Road.**
 - C. A renewal of Short-Term Rental for Tammy Coffey 480 Red Road was issued.**
 - D. There was an email from Tower Company on Maple Ridge Road of adding and
replacing equipment on the tower. They are adding a new carrier. They are not
changing the footprint of the Tower, just replacing equipment. No zoning permit
needed. They will need to check with Marquette County for an electrical inquiry.**
 - E. There was a request up the Peshekee Grade close to Lake Arfelin and Lake
Hasseib. A man asked about splitting his 40 acres into two 20's which are zoned
Timber Forest. Mr. Simula did suggest that Michigamme Township can look at it
and possibly rezone. Champion Township took all the Timber Forest land and
recreated a new zoning District. It is not a difficult process to do. It can give
people more flexibility with their 40 acres. They can take a 40 acre parcel, sell it
and make it into 20 acre parcels. 70 percent of Champion Township property is
Timber Forest which puts limits on development. Now people can divide their 40**

acre parcel into 20 acres. Something Michigamme Township could consider. MikeMike said that he told the man that he can send himhim a request to divide his property. He has not sent an email request yet. Mike Simula said that he was on the Planning Commission in Champion when they started changing 40 acre Timber land into 20 acre parcels. He will try to bring documentation next month. People don't have to split their property. They can leave it like they have it. It just gives property owners more flexibility. Another property owner is going to split a parcel of land. He is Zone RP20, so the Assessor will be handling the splitting of this property.

- F. Lisa Rogers sold her home. The new property owners are having a conflict with the neighbor Mike over the driveway. There was no permit for the driveway. Marquette county does the permits for driveways. Mike talked to both parties. They need to have the property line surveyed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS -

- A. Solar Energy Systems - All information was done a few years ago by previous Planning Commission members. A copy was given to members to look over to see if there are needed changes.
- B. Appointment of a member of the Planning Commission to the Board of Appeals is postponed until the next meeting on May 5th.

X. NEW BUSINESS -None - None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. BOARD COMMENT - John said he suggested to the Michigamme Board to use Tech project budget to get the Planning Commission a laptop. It was approved by the Township budget. The laptop is to be shared between the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. How many users will there be is the question. Each user has a fee. Maybe the Secretary or the Chair of the Planning Commission could be the user. Kay mentioned that if we want to put anything in the Michigamme newsletter we have to give notification by their deadline. Add to New Business next month the rate of pay for Chairperson and Secretary. There is training available to Planning Commission members May 14th at NMU.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 5 PM

Secretary, Irene DeRoche

John Gregg - Liaison Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson Irene DeRoche - Secretary
William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
May 7, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:03 PM**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL - Present, John Gregg, Irene DeRoche, William Seppanen and Laura Mattson. Absent, Kay Frisk and Mike Simula Zoning Administrator.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -Motion made by Bill, second by Laura with date change and additions. Motion passed.**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 2, 2025 - Motion made by John, second by Irene. Motion passed.**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
- VII. BOARD COMMENT - None**
- VII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - None**
- IX. OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. Solar Energy Systems - Recommendation to have the Michigamme Board members review Michigamme Township Zoning Ordinance changes made by previous Planning Commission members, and recommend the Board send it to the Township Attorney.**
 - B. Appointment of a member of the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Appointment by Planning Commission to send to the Michigamme Board for Approval. Motion was made by Laura to have William Seppanen be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2nd by Irene. Motion passed.**
 - C. Special meeting to work on Master Plan revisions. Monday, May 19, 2025 at 1 PM.**
- X. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Rate of pay for Secretary and Chairperson. Bill said at the last Michigamme Township Board meeting they passed to flip the pay for the Chairperson and the**

Secretary of the Planning Commission. The Chairperson rate will now be \$30.00 for a meeting and the Secretary will be \$50.00 for a meeting.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. BOARD COMMENT - None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:40 PM

Irene DeRoche - Secretary

John Gregg - Liason

Kathleen Frisk - Chairperson
William Seppanen - Member

Irene DeRoche - Secretary
Laura Mattson - Member

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP

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**Michigamme Township Planning Commission
Special Meeting (Workshop)
Location: Michigamme Community Building
Date & Time: May 19, 2025, at 1:15 PM**

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL - Present: John Gregg; Bill Seppanen; Laura Mattson; Kay Frisk. Absent: Irene DeRoche
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - Gregg made a motion to approve agenda with one amendment: to add Frisk as acting secretary during DeRoche's absence, seconded by Mattson.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- VI. BOARD COMMENT - None
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -
 - A. Master Plan - Work continues on the Master Plan, adjustments were made as needed.

A draft copy of the Master Plan was printed for the Planning Commission to review and compare with a copy of Big Bay's Master Plan at the next Special Meeting (Workshop).
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS - None
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - None
- X. BOARD COMMENT - Gregg, Seppanen, and Mattson all agreed it was a very successful and productive meeting
- XI. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM

John Gregg-Liaison Kathleen Frisk- Chairperson Irene DeRoche-Secretary

William Seppanen-Member Laura Mattson-Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 4, 2025

Chairperson, Kay called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call, John, Kay, Laura, and Bill were present. Irene was absent.

John made the motion to approve the agenda, supported by Bill, motion carried.

No public comment or board comment.

Zoning Administrator's report. 3 permits were approved. 1. Building a new home on Holli Blue Road by M. Brinker. 2. Fence on Jeremy Reickle's property on Maple Street. 3. New home at 103 S. Mesnard St. by Brock and Chole Sundberg. 4 Sale is pending of the Moose Drop with plans to revert it to a residence, zoned resident/commercial. Mr. and Mrs. Kohlhas are the prospective owners.

Special Meeting to be held on June 23,2025 beginning at 9:30 AM. We will work on finalizing the Master Plan, suggestion of acknowledging prior planning commission members and incorporate ideas from the Powell Township Master Plan.

John made the motion to adjourn 7:52 PM, supported by Kay, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

William Seppanen acting secretary.

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William Seppanen - Member Laura Mattson - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP BUILDING
PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting (Master Plan Workshop)
June 23, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 9:35 AM**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL -** Present John Gregg, Kaye Frisk, Irene DeRoche, William Seppanen and Laura Mattson.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -** Motion passed by John Gregg, Second by Kaye Frisk, all approved.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT -** None
- VI. BOARD COMMENT -** Add June 4th Business meeting minutes and June 23rd to be approved at next meeting,
- VII. OLD BUSINESS -**
 - A. Master Plan - Ended Workshop with Master Plan on Chapter 7, page 1.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS -**
- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT -** None
- XII. BOARD COMMENT -** None
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 12:10 PM**

Secretary, Irene DeRoche