

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

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Business Meeting
September 3, 2025 Minutes**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 6 PM**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -**
- III. ROLL CALL - John Gregg, Kay Frisk, Irene DeRoche, Bill Seppanen and Laura Mattson. Mike Simula, Zoning Administrator. All present.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - John made a motion, Second by Irene, motion passed**
- V. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6, 2025 MINUTES - John made a motion, Second by Kay, motion passed.**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT -**
 - A. Phillip Euling talked about zoning concerns he has about Lakeshore zoning ordinances. Some property owners are not following Lakeshore Zoning ordinances. Michigamme Township Lakeshore Zoning ordinances went into effect in the 1990's. Property owners on the lake have a buffer zone of 50 feet on their lake shore property to use for such things as putting their boats in and out of water.**
- VII. BOARD COMMENT - John mentioned for next month to add to the agenda Lakeshore zoning ordinance. Mr. Euling information that was brought up at the meeting which we decided that the Planning and Zoning Commission will write a letter to educate lake front property owners.**
- VIII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT -**

Mike mentioned that there were some zoning permits in June and July of 2025.

 - 1. There was a fence permit for Natalie Mendez on Rail Road St.**
 - 2. Kerry and Tammy Blau have a permit for a new camp on Lake Arfelin.**
 - 3. Adam Simonsen on Cardinal/Red Road has a permit for a new deck.**
 - 4. John Koski on Main St. has a permit for a new garage.**
 - 5. Jeanette Patterson on Lake Eleanor has a permit for a new addition to her camp.**

There were no permits in August.

There was an inquiry about a lot in town for a tiny house. Michigamme Zoning Ordinance says in residential areas, a home has a minimal footage of 575 square feet. A tiny house will not meet zoning requirements. If it was a recreational structure, it can be less than 575 square feet. A year around home can't be less than 575 square feet. Zoning would have to be amended to allow for Tiny homes.

There is a Land Division up the Grade that is almost finished. It is a 40 acre parcel of land that will be divided into two 20 acres parcels. It is Zoned RP so it is fine to be divided.

IX. OLD BUSINESS -

1. Master Plan - Bill made some suggestions about changes in the Master
2. Plan.

X. NEW BUSINESS - None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. BOARD COMMENT -Bill suggested as homework to make a letter about Lakeshore Zoning.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 8 PM

Secretary: Shane 