

Michigamme Township Planning Commission Minutes

Business Meeting

August 5, 2026

Place: Michigamme Township Building

Board: John Gregg, Liaison; Kathleen Frisk, Chairperson; Irene DeRoche, Secretary; William Seppanen, Member; Laura Mattson, Member

Call Meeting to Order: 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: John Gregg, Kathleen Frisk, Irene DeRoche, and William Seppanen. Absent: Laura Mattson.

Approval of Agenda

Bill made a motion to approve the agenda with adding the Master Plan update to the agenda. Second by Kay, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes for July 13, 2026, Special Meeting

Bill made a motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes, second by John; motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Board Comment

None

Zoning Administrator Comment

Mike Simula was absent from this meeting. Discussed emails on Zoning Permits. Orest Hartmanis applied for a demolition of a garage permit.

Old Business

Master Plan: Dotty Lajoye, Executive Director from Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD) will look over our Master plan this week or early next week. Dotty will assist us with feedback on the next steps the Planning Commission needs to complete.

New Business

Noise Ordinance: Discussed the issue of music being played on Lake Michigamme. It does not meet the criteria for Michigamme Township noise ordinance because it is a public event.

We discussed emails of a garage applied June 3, 2026, for a building permit and applied for another building permit for a garage on July 15, 2026, and approved July 27, 2026. It was noticed that the first building permit had a height of the garage roof for 26 feet. Our zoning only allows for a garage roof to be 20 feet. The second permit seems to be in compliance with roof height.

Public Comment

None

Board Comment

We looked at dates members are available to meet with Dotty Lajoye after she looks over our Master Plan.

Adjournment

7:50 PM

Meeting Minutes by Secretary, Irene DeRoche