



INLAND TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular meeting June 16, 2025

19668 Honor Hwy, Interlochen, MI 49643

Call to Order by James Clark at 6:00pm

Pledge was recited

Roll call: Present – Nelson, Clark, Truax, O’Connor, Zielinski

Public Input - None - Closed at 6:02pm

Agenda - Amendment to Agenda - Motion by Clark to add discussion of the shooting range at 738 Betsie River Road under New Business. Second by Nelson. Motion carried.

Previous minutes – Nelson move to approve the agenda as proposed, 2nd by Truax

Unfinished Business

Master Plan with Sara Kirk - Reminder that the Master Planning Open House will be held as a special meeting on August 12 to gather community input. Clark mentioned that the mailing list needs to be fixed and updated. The Planning Commission will make sure flyers and mailers go out.

Planning Commission training - O’Connor reminded the Commission about the process to join the training.

New Business

Planning Commission Candidates - John Cranmer attended the meeting to express interest in joining the Planning Commission. Both parties showed interest in working together. Clark made a suggestion to seek Township Board approval to add John Cranmer as a new member of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Truax. Clark will present the request at the next Township Board meeting.

Non Conforming discussion with Mike - Willian Brink

Mr. Brink owns a 1-acre lot in a Rural Residential zone, which is a grandfathered parcel. Clark suggested a Special Use Permit to allow him to build on the lot, despite the current 2.5-acre minimum requirement.

Clark made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit for 17523 Honor Hwy, allowing construction on the 1-acre lot. Seconded by O’Connor. Motion carried.

The shooting range at 738 Betsie River Road already exists. There is uncertainty if the Township wants to create an ordinance specifically regarding shooting ranges, following complaints from neighbors. Clark suggested looking into a noise ordinance, which the Township currently does not have. Nelson spoke with a resident who lives approximately 62 feet from the range and mentioned a resident will share a shooting range ordinance from another township for the Planning Commission to review. Zielienski reviewed state statutes and confirmed that people are allowed to shoot on their own property.

Public Input - A resident shared that they have heard shootings in the area for years. Another resident mentioned having seen a bear nearby. Closed at 6:40pm.

Adjourn – Move to adjourn by Clark, 2nd by Truax

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.