



RAISIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MAY 4, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

RAISIN COMMUNITY CENTER

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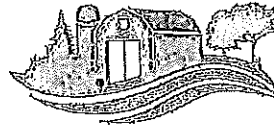
1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Chairman Mike McArar
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Colburn, John Smalec, Mike Bartolo, and Mike McArar. MEMBERS ABSENT: Blaine McDonald and Jacob Wright
3. COMMUNICATIONS: Chair read letter from Township Attorney David Lacasse expressing his concern that it has been before 2022 that the Zoning Ordinance has been completely reviewed and rewritten. The letter included a list of recommended changes to the Charter Township of Raisin's Official Zoning Ordinance THAT ARE NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE ZONING ENABLING ACT and the PLANNING ENABLING ACT as recommended by Attorney Phillip Schaedler.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion Smalec, support Bartolo, to support agenda. Motion carried-all
5. APPROVAL MINUTES: Motion Bartolo, support Colburn, to approve minutes of March 2, 2026 meeting.
6. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of CORRECTIONS NEEDED AND POSSIBLE CHANGES to the Zoning Ordinance. No action taken.

Discussion regarding accessibility of the Raisin Community Center as only chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals has a key. The discussion was based on a past incident when the Zoning Board was to meet and no one had a key to open the Raisin

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Community Center. Representatives Colburn and Bartolo suggested the Charter Township of Raisin install a lockbox containing a building key that allows those members access to various buildings or give access to the Raisin Township police department to unlock buildings as needed.

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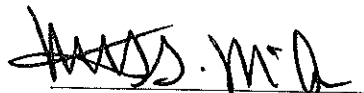
7. OLD BUSINESS: None

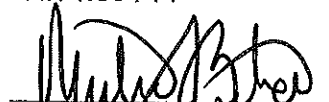
8. PUBLIC COMMENT: Township resident, Ed Stroessel, acknowledged that he had a question that was not relevant to the Zoning Board of Appeals. His statement was, "Will citizens have a chance to vote on a data center in Raisin Township and will there be a moratorium allowed to look at the issue?"

Representative Bartolo explained, "The process is the Planning Commission might be legally obligated to approve such proposals, however it would be up to the Raisin Township Board for final approval."

Mr. Stoessel also commented, "The (Raisin) township's face book page has not been updated since 2025."

9. ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM


Michael McArane, Chair


John Smalec, Secretary

Michael Bartolo

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