

**ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**1575 U. S. Highway 41 W**

**Ishpeming, MI 49849**

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday May 7, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call:** Tom Lucas, Chair – Present, Steve Baril, Vice-Chair – Present, Kristin Thornton, Secretary- Present, Jeff Solka, Member - Present, Karl Lehmann, Member – Present, Eric Santti, Member – Present, Adam Sundberg, Member – Present, Jim Nankervis- Present, Emily Bosch, CUPPAD and Fred Vanluven – Present.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Kristin Thornton Support: Jeff Solka to approve agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Karl Lehmann Support: Kristin Thornton and passed to dispense with the reading of previous meeting minutes from April 2, 2026, and place on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
4. **Public Comment:**  
None.
5. **Zoning Administrator’s Report:** (Exhibit A)
6. **Communications** – None
7. **Public Hearing:**

Public Hearing was opened and 5:01. Kyle Smith is requesting a decrease from 30’ to approximately 18’ because of the wetlands behind his property on Cypress St. Michael and Ashley Jarvi, who live next door to the vacant lot, were concerned about the house being in line of vision for traffic, especially when they have children outside. MOTION Karl Lehmann Support Jeff Solka to deny the request for front yard setback variance Motion Carried.

Public Hearing closed at 5:12.

8. **Old Business:**
  - a. Update Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance co-exist with the Master Plan. Emily Bosch from CUPPAD was in attendance. Need to get the Master Plan complete so that CUPPAD can compare Master Plan with the Zoning Ordinance. Will start with an audit to find any trouble areas and areas that need to be updated. MOTION Kristin Thornton Support Eric Santti to recommend the Master Plan to the Board so the Board can approve the 63- day public review. Motion Carried.
9. **New Business:** None
10. **Board Comments:**
11. **Supervisor Comments:**
12. **Adjournment:** Motion: Karl Lehman Support: Adam Sundberg and passed to adjourn. All Ayes. Time: 5:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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Kristin Thornton, Secretary