

Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes

City of Munising

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

301 E. Superior St., Munising, MI 49862

6:00 PM

A. Call to Order, Planning Commission Meeting, Roll Call

Members Present: Bill Riordan, Bob Wilkinson, Patty Nephew, Jody Irving, Ryan Fischer, and Gary Brazeau

Members Absent: Jennifer Adkinson

Others Present: Lisa DeLeeuw, Michelle Harrison, Mary Bluschke, Michael McComb, Rondi Olson, and Jak Kouw

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

C. Public Comments (3 Minute Limit)

No Public Comment

D. Acceptance of the Agenda

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to accept the agenda as is, Ryan Fischer supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

E. New Business:

1. Approval of Minutes dated January 28, 2026

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2026 as is, Gary Brazeau supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

2. Public Hearing for Alger Title Agency

a. Open Public Hearing for Alger Title Agency, they are requesting a SLU to move their business to 331 W. Munising Ave. This is zoned Transitional.

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to Open the Public Hearing, Ryan Fischer Supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Mary Bluschke spoke about moving their business to 331 W Munising Ave., as they want to downsize to a smaller building. The interior will be gutted and made into offices.

b. Close Public Hearing for Alger Title Agency

Patty Nephew made a motion to Close the Public Hearing, Ryan Fischer supported the motion, all in favor motion passed.

c. Planning Commission's Decision for SLU application for Alger Title Agency

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to approve the SLU for Alger Title Agency as presented. Ryan Fischer supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

3. Rondi Olson on Downtown Dwellings and Parking

Rhondi Olson Talked about the oldest building in Munising at 111 Elm Ave., which she would like to make into apartments, but she has one issue, which is no parking. The Planning Commission talked about how they would like to find a way for Rhondi to be able to do the apartments, due to housing shortage in Munising. Bill Rirodan asked Michelle if she would reach out to the City Attorney to ask if there is a way for her to have apartments without parking.

E. Old Business

1. Salvage Yard Violations Discussion – Kouw Rentals

Jak Kouw was giving the options he needs to take in the process of his salvage yard. HE has to fill out a business permit (Compliance Permit) in which the City will most likely Deny, then an appeal with the ZBA, or an amendment to the zoning ordinance.

2. Non-Motorized transportation Plan

Michelle Harrison stated she has nothing new to report

F. Zoning Administrators Report

Lisa DeLeeuw stated there were no zoning applications turned in since the last meeting.

G. City Manager Report

Provided in writing

H. Round Table

Lisa DeLeeuw stated that the City now has a Marina Policy and Procedure

Patty Newpew stated that she would like to see a general post on the City's web page "How To" to find things,

I. Brief Public Comments (3 Minute Limit)

No Public Comments

J. Adjournment

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 pm, Ryan Fischer supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed