

Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes

City of Munising

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

301 E. Superior St., Munising, MI 49862

6:00 PM

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

Meeting was called to order by Bill Riordan at 6:00 pm, Lisa DeLeeuw conducted roll call

Members Present: Bill Riorda, Patty Nephew, Bob, Wilkinson, Jody Irving, Ryan Fischer, Jennifer Adkinson, and Gary Brazeau.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Lisa DeLeeuw, Michelle Harrison, Sean Hayes, Brice Burge, Sandra Johns-Devries, Jak Kouw, Rondi Olson and Matt Waldron

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

C. Public Comments (3 Minute Limit)

No Public Comments

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 February 25, 2026

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to approve the minutes dated February 25, 2026 as written, Jennifer Adkinson supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

2. Sean Hayes – Fourth of July Storage Building

Sean Hayes talked about the Fourth of July committee being a non-profit 5013C he asked

the planning commission for permission to put up a building at the end of Memorial Drive, to keep all the Fourth July stuff in, excluding fireworks which will be kept at a different location. The building will be no cost to the City, and will be aprox. 24 x 32 feet.

This will be a permanent structure, Bill Riordan stated he'd need to see a site plan on paper, to see where the building will sit exactly, he also wants to make sure it is not too close to the memorial.

Patty Nephew asked Sean if they would be willing to put a mural on the side of the building for the memorial.

3. Public Hearing for Higher Love –

Marijuana establishment moving to 425 E Munising Ave.

a. Open Public Hearing

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to open the public hearing for Higher Love, Jennifer Adkinson supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Sandra Johns-Devries stated Higher Love is looking to move locations to downsize as they are not as busy as they anticipated.

b. Close Public Hearing

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to close the public hearing, Gary Brazeau supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

c. PC Decision on Public Hearing for Higher Love

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Higher Love SLU application with the same conditions as the building they are in now. Jennifer Adkinson supported the motion.

Roll call was conducted by Lisa DeLeeuw 7 yeas 0 nays motion passed.

4. Parking ordinance discussion – possible revision.

Bob Wilkinson asked if we could email Ryan Soucy to ask him to bring something to the PC Next month on the parking, as the PC would like to revisit and revise the parking ordinance.

F. Old Business

1. Salvage Yard Violations Discussion – Kow Rentals (Denied, Compliance Permit)

Jason Jak Kow presented a business plan for a resale/consignment store at 206 E Superior St. with a fenced in drop off area, with a locking door to keep children out.

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to approve the business plan/compliance permit for a resale shop as presented; Jennifer Adkinson supported the motion.

Roll call was conducted by Lisa DeLeeuw 6 yea's 1 nea, Bill Riordan stated he feels it is still a salvage yard, that no other places have a drop off area. Motion passed.

2. Rondi Olson on Downtown Dwellings and Parking

The Planning Commission stated with the clarification from the City Attorney on 111 Elm St. being grandfathered in, not having any parking restrictions, Rondi just needs to submit a site plan approval for review. Rondi stated she would be back in the next month or 2 with the full site plan review.

3. Non-Motorized transportation Plan

Nothing new at this time.

G. Zoning Administrators Report

None

H. City Manager Report

None

I. Round Table

Ryan Fischer asked if Munising ever did a "Taste of Munising" event where all the restaurants and food trucks provided samples for patrons to try for a fee.

Patty Nephew asked if the partition could be moved so that it is not blocking the flag.

Bill Riordan praised the city crew for their work on keeping the roads cleaned as good as they could during the blizzard of 2026.

J. Brief Public Comments (3 Minute Limit)

Brice Burge stated he was very happy that the PC is going to revisit the Parking Ordinance.

K. Adjournment

Bob Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm, Jennifer Adkinson supported the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa DeLeeuw