

**Powell Township Planning Commission Meeting**  
**PO Box 319, 101 Bensinger, Big Bay, MI 49808**  
**November 15, 2023**  
**Minutes**

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1. Call to Order 7:00 pm by Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Members – Phil Moran (Chair), present; Denise Hudson (Vice Chair), absent; Laura Mohrman (Secretary), absent; Diane Hall, present; Nick Korstad, present; Kim Tull, present; Nancy Gaines, present.
4. Approval of Agenda – **Motion** to approve agenda (Moran/Hull). All in favor, motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes –
  - a. **Motion** to approve September 20, 2023, planning commission meeting minutes as presented (Gaines/Hall). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Public Comment –
  - a. Mitch Walker, Powell Township Clerk – Met with attorneys and representatives regarding the petition for ordinance change. Agreement was reached regarding the points that the township’s attorney made. The zoning change petition will be rescinded because of the discussion. The attorney’s opinion can be shared publicly. The township will be issuing a resolution explaining the decision at the next board meeting.
  - b. Phil Bakken, Lighthouse Road – will rescind the petition once the board has issued and signed the resolution
7. Zoning Administrator:
  - a. No update received
8. Unfinished Business
  - a. **Motion** to schedule a planning commission workshop meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 4:00 pm to discuss unfinished business (storage containers, non-conforming properties, definition of a tiny home and future land use) (Hall/Moran). All in favor, motion carried.
  - b. Fences was the ordinance sent to the board?
    - i. Sent to the board, in process for review by the board members and township attorney
  - c. Storage containers/discussion
  - d. Non-Conforming properties/table
  - e. Future land use/table
9. Commission Discussion
  - a. Clarification on getting new addresses in Powell Township
10. **Motion** to adjourn at 7:30 pm (Tull/Hall). All in favor, motion carried.

**Next Special Planning Commission Workshop December 6, 2023; 4:00pm**

**Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting January 17, 2024; 7:00pm**

Minutes prepared by:  
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