



James Township

6060 Swan Creek Road Saginaw, MI 48609

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JAMES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

October 5, 2026

Chairperson Parent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Kathy Reis, Dale Hoepfner, Brenda Parent, Kim Bell, Jodi Hak, and April Key. Annie Houlihan was excused. Zoning Administrator Scott Hash and Joanne Boehler also were present.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 31, 2026, were presented. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Jodi Hak made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Kathy Reis supported. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Reports

- Chairperson – suggested we contact our township attorney to determine if we should adopt a workable ordinance or a CREO for data centers.
- Zoning Administrator – Scott Hash
 - Cell tower special use at 6745 Swan Creek – next steps. Township will need a special use permit application; all other permits are in place. A public hearing will have to be held and neighboring residents notified. Tentative date will be at the next planning commission meeting on November 2nd. This is subject to change based on required timelines and if the special use permit application is received in a timely manner.
- Planning Commission – received a copy of September permits

New Business

- PAR Plan is hosting a data center seminar, run by our township attorney firm. It will be held in Mount Pleasant on November 17th. Those members interested should let Chairperson Parent know.

Unfinished Business

- Reviewed and completed Chapter 8.
 - Removed “billboards” from section 805
 - Discussed adding profane language to prohibited – how to word?
 - Tittabawassee Township has a user-friendly sign ordinance.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jodi Hak and supported by Kim Bell at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. We will conduct a public hearing for the special use permit for 6745 Swan Creek (if it is received in time) and work on Ordinance Chapter 3.

KIMBERLY BELL, SECRETARY

BRENDA PARENT, CHAIRPERSON
Date: