

MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
June 9, 2026

The Haven Township Planning Commission Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Collin Gau. Members present: Collin Gau, Kari Watkins, James O'Donnell, Penny Weihrauch and Clerk Tammy Schefers. Ben Oleson (Hometown Planning) attended in person. There was one virtual person and 3 other people in house who attended the meeting.

Approval of Agenda – Penny Weihrauch made a motion to accept and approve the agenda. James O'Donnell seconded the motion. Role Call was taken; Kari Watkins – Aye; Collin Gau – Aye; James O'Donnell – Aye; Penny Weihrauch - Aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearings – None

Minutes – Penny Weihrauch made a motion to accept and approve the meeting minutes as presented from the May 12, 2026 Haven Township Planning Commission Meeting. James O'Donnell seconded the motion. Role Call was taken; Kari Watkins – Aye; Collin Gau – Aye; James O'Donnell – Aye; Penny Weihrauch - Aye. The motion carried.

Other Business:

Discussion – Haven Township Zoning Ordinance Amendments (Land Uses Allowed within each Zoning District)

The Planning Commission discussed the Zoning Districts for Haven Township. They reviewed the spreadsheet that Ben Oleson had put together with comparisons from Haven Township, Sherburne County, City of St. Cloud, and each committee member. The members talked about Comparisons of the Agricultural District Uses; Comparisons of the Commercial District Uses; Comparisons of the Industrial District Uses and Comparison of Rural Residential / General Rural District Uses. Ben Oleson had highlighted the areas that the committee members were not all in agreement with. The committee reviewed and discussed these areas until they were all in agreement.

After discussion on this, James O'Donnell made a motion that the Haven Township Planning Commission should send a positive recommendation to the Haven Township Board that they use this finalized proposed draft version of the Haven Township Zoning Ordinances for land uses that were prepared by the Haven Township Planning Commission. Kari Watkins seconded the recommended motion. Role Call was taken; Kari Watkins – Aye; Collin Gau – Aye; James O'Donnell – Aye; Penny Weihrauch - Aye. The motion carried. Ben Oleson will finalize this document and give it to the Haven Township Planning Commission so they can present it to the Haven Township Board.

Discussion – St. Cloud Future Land Use Map (Draft)

The committee also reviewed two draft maps that the City of St. Cloud has created for their Future Land Use Plan which includes Haven Township and future proposed corridors. After discussion on this Collin Gau made a recommended motion that the Haven Township Planning Commission should give Ben Oleson the authority to review and compare both draft land use maps from the city of St. Cloud. Ben Oleson should then give a summary and opinion of his findings to the Haven Township Board to further act upon. Penny Weihrauch seconded the recommended motion. Role Call was taken; Kari Watkins – Aye; Collin Gau – Aye; James O'Donnell – Aye; Penny Weihrauch – Aye. The motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Report

Import Motors – They have submitted a revised updated application of the Interim Use Permit and it is under review for completeness. The Public Hearing will try to be set for the July meeting.

Wiilo Event Center – No New Update

Mining Ordinance – Ben Oleson is working with Luci Snowden on reviewing the Haven Township Mining Ordinance. She has sent some reports and suggestions to Ben Oleson on how to proceed. Ben Oleson would like to include Collin Gau to participate in these work sessions with them as they continue forward. There will be more discussion on this at future meetings.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) – Update

There have been no updates or reports yet for the actions relating to the groundwater pollution on PID# 25-00030-1400 – 4958 County Road 8 SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304. There have been several residential wells tested in the surrounding area. It was stated that everyone would like to hear some results or an update on the findings. Collin Gau will ask the Haven Township Board if they can get more clarification, number of wells that were tested, a report or information of what has been found. It was also stated that they may invite the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to come back to the town hall to have a special work session meeting to explain all the results and give an update on the findings to the Haven Township residents.

Update - (Brandt), PID#25-00015-1410 (3112 54th Avenue SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304)

It was stated that there are township road issues in this area. This is still in working progress.

Orderly Annexation Agreement with City of St. Cloud

The Haven Township Board is in working progress to get a draft plan in place to present to the City of St. Cloud in the next couple of months.

Open Forum

Robert Bezek made the comment that he had his private well tested and is waiting for test results to come back.

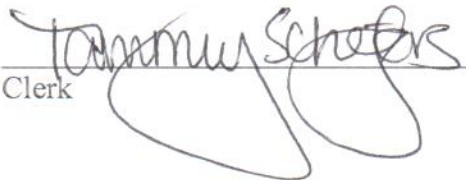
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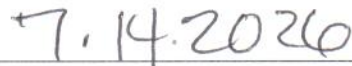
The next meeting of the Haven Township Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the Haven Township Hall.

Kari Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Penny Weihrauch seconded the motion. Role Call was taken; Kari Watkins – Aye; Collin Gau – Aye; James O'Donnell – Aye; Penny Weihrauch - Aye. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.


Chairperson


Date


Clerk


Date