Town of Auburn
Plan Commission Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026

Wade Latz called the meeting to order at 5:18pm.

Roll Call

Plan Commission – Wade Latz (Chairperson), Lary Boese, Tanya Leo, Staci Martinson, Paul Scheidecker; Present. Tom Moose, Kyle Plautz; Absent.

Town Board – Lydia Blaha, Mark Blaha, Ben Dachel, Sandi Frion, Kevin Lundwigson; Present.

Public Comment

No public comment presented.

Discussion and consideration regarding high-intensity industrial facilities and data centers.

Kevin Ludwigson advised the Plan Commission the Town Board has not received any direct contact from interested parties at this time.

On July 14, 2026, the Town of Auburn adopted Resolution #01-26, *A resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on the siting, construction, and operation of high-intensity industrial facilities and data centers within the Town of Auburn pending adoption of a comprehensive permitting ordinance.* The Resolution remains in effect for 12 months or until adoption of a comprehensive permitting ordinance, whichever is first.

The Town Board requested the Plan Commission meet because the Town of Auburn does not have established ordinances regarding high-intensity industrial facilities and data centers, as well as solar farms. The Town Board is requesting Plan Commission assistance in the recommendation of the ordinance or other approach.

Discussion was had regarding high-intensity industrial facilities, data centers and solar farms. Possible approaches to consider include county zoning, town zoning and town ordinances. The Plan Commission determined additional information about county zoning is needed. Wade Latz stated he will contact Chippewa County to request a representative attend a future Plan Commission meeting to provide more in-depth information regarding county zoning.

The Plan Commission recommended surveying town residents for their opinion about data centers and solar/wind farm development in the Town of Auburn. Discussion was had regarding survey topics and length. Tanya Leo stated she will create a brief 3-5 question survey for the Plan Commission to review at the next scheduled meeting.

Wade Latz set the Plan Commission Meeting for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Adjournment

Tanya Leo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. Lary Boese seconded. Motion carried.