

## Town of Vinland

# Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026

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PC meeting was called to order by Chairman Kuehnl at 6:30pm. Roll call was taken. Present were ZA O'Connell, PC Commissioners Giese, Kunde, Maertz, Pfaendtner, Chairman Kuehnl, and Secretary Brazee. No other attendees.

**Motion made by Maertz to approve the minutes of 6/1/26; seconded by Kunde.**

**Motion carried.**

Discussion topics:

1. Chapter 410-90; Accessory Structures amendment:

O'Connell noted that the amendments made in 2014 were removed from the ordinance at the last PC meeting. He noted that part of the discussion from Chairman Kuehnl was to consider the County's impervious surface rules. O'Connell noted that he sent the County's information earlier today, but noted that it only applied to shoreland zoning. O'Connell noted that he did not expect action taken on the Ordinance tonight, but wanted any ideas or changes brought to the next plan commission meeting. Maertz wanted to confirm the subsection C (2) that it only applied to residential zoning, in which O'Connell did confirm such. **Motion made by Giese to table Chapter 410-90 amendments to next PC mtg/seconded by Maertz. Motion carried.**

2. Chapter 410-29; Farmland Preservation amendment:

O'Connell did contact a representative w/ DATCAP and confirmed that if the Town of Vinland wants to renew farmland preservation, that it can be done. DATCAP Rep did indicate that our current ordinance can be recertified if we develop a plan for it. The plan would give \$10/acre tax credit. If there is enough interest, then a Farmland Preservation map needs to be developed to get recertified. O'Connell thinks the plan can be what we want it to be and that it's good to bring it up to the A1 zoned farmers, and anyone in A2 that may want to change to A1. Kuehnl suggests that we look into stipulations to qualify. O'Connell noted that we would have to work through the County as they're still a key part of the process. O'Connell wants any farmers to contact him with

questions, so he can obtain answers from DATCAP rep. **Motion made by Maertz to table to the next PC mtg until more information is received/seconded by Pfaendtner. Motion carried.**

3. Chapter 361; Subdivision of Land amendment:

O'Connell indicated that he was notified by Cedar Corp that the State Legislators updated the land division ordinance and are requiring municipalities to do so also. He also noted that our existing ordinance is very similar, but he did incorporate additions to the ordinance. He is awaiting response from Attorney Koehler if he approves the changes that were made. Changes were taken from Cedar Corp suggestions as additions and nothing was removed from our existing ordinance. Most of the changes are straightforward to include changes in the Chapter under sections 361-3, 361-20, 361-24, 361-57. **Motion made by Maertz to approve amendments contingent on recommendations from Attorney Koehler/seconded by Kunde. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Maertz to adjourn/seconded by Kunde.**

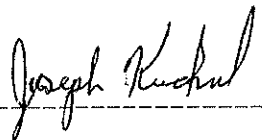
Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

*This meeting was held for the July Plan Commission meeting; the next meeting will not be until September, unless other application(s) are received to require an August PC meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brazee

PC Secretary

  
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Joe Kuehn, Chairman