



VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON
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Lyle Perry
Dorothy Sharkey
John Hamm

Zoning
Administrator

AGENDA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026
3:30 p.m.
Village Council Chambers

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to order/Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes: July 15, 2026
5. Items from the floor
6. Business
 - a. Report of Zoning Administrator
7. New Business
 - a. Memorial Tree Request
 - b. Driveway/Culvert Issues
8. Adjourn

VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2026
AT 3:32 P.M. AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

At 3:32 pm the meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John Hamm, Lyle Perry, Deb Seid, Dorothy Sharkey, Chairperson Johnson

ABSENT: None

Zoning Administrator, Mike Rebholz, was also in attendance.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Perry, second by Sharkey, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda as presented.

AYE: Perry, Sharkey, Hamm, Seid, Chairperson Johnson

NAY: None

MINUTES: June 17, 2026

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of June 17, 2026, as presented.

AYE: Hamm, Seid, Perry, Sharkey, Chairperson Johnson

NAY: None

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

BUSINESS:

a. 712 Epidote Street Change of Use Request

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Change of Use Request tentative upon the Permanent Easement Agreement completion by Peter Wolfe.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Hamm, Seid, Perry, Sharkey, Chairperson Johnson

NAY: None

b. Report of Zoning Administrator

Zoning Administrator Rebholz updated the Planning Commission on below topics:

- Zoning Map update needed. Will follow up with UP Engineers for possibly digital copy.
- Reviewing swimming pool violations for two residents including no permits and fencing.
- Update on O'Reilly's. In contact with their legal department. No zoning issues. Projected opening is possibly late fall.
- SONCO ambulance searching alternatives for new building due to high building cost.
- South Fourth Street Alley R-O-W information review.
- 406 Michigan Avenue resident zoning paperwork complete. Permit fee still needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharkey discussed previous Village Council on 7/13/26 that two attendees discussed possibility of bike trails in Ontonagon. Example of Windman Trails and that it's run all volunteer. Sharkey had a contact in regards to Windman Trails and she investigated. Confirmed it is not run with all

volunteers. In tandem with North Coast Adventures. Averages \$10 per foot for quality trail, \$5/\$6 per foot for middle of the road quality trails. Bike trails are listed in the Master Plan.

Seid discussed revisiting Short Term Rentals possible policies for the Village.

Perry asked about DNR interest in Lakeshore trees that are designated for removal. Rebholz outlined walk thru of Lakeshore area for EGLE grant and information pertaining to grant will be forthcoming in near future. This would include native trees to address dune erosion and handicap beach access.

Seid discussed research for original grant paperwork for Marina and River boardwalk and looking to Copper Shores grant for possible replacement monies.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. by call of the Chair.

Minutes recorded by Office Manager Tanya Weisinger.

Wendy Pence, Clerk

Approved

From: Willie DuPont <wdupont@villageofontonagon.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 10:34 AM
To: Wendy Pence
Subject: Fwd: Memorial Tree for Josh Wiesen

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From: Julie Schoeberlein <julieschoeberlein@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 20, 2026 at 1:28 PM
Subject: Memorial Tree for Josh Wiesen
To: <wdupont@villageofontonagon.org>

Good afternoon,

This is Julie Schoeberlein, a member of the graduating class of 2012 from the Ontonagon High School. We spoke briefly last week about the possibility of planting a tree for a member of the class that recently lost his life due to his fight with Huntington's disease.

We, as a class, would like to plant an apple tree somewhere on parcel # 41 506 001 00 in memory of our friend. His family has informed us that Rose Island was one of his favorite public places to visit but we are open to any location that is acceptable. If allowable, we would like to have a memorial plaque placed by the tree so that those that come across the location know why it was planted there.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request!

Take Care,
Julie Schoeberlein