

**Helena Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**February 06, 2025 @ 5:00pm**  
**8751 Helena Road, Alden, Michigan 49612**

Call to Order: Chair Sue Moglovkin called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All in room participated.

Roll Call: Present – S. Moglovkin, J. Bassil, J. Gurr, M. Robinson, F. Vandenberg, and Jim Schilling at (5:15pm)

Absent – G Schafer

Township Officials Present: Butch Peeples, Bob Logee

Approval of Agenda: J. Gurr motioned to approve agenda and S. Moglovkin seconded. Motion approved.

Statement of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts.

Approval of January 09, 2025 Minutes: J. Gurr motioned to approved minutes and S. Moglovkin seconded. Motion approved.

Communications:

- F. Vandenberg is investigating required training for Helena Township Planning Commission members.
- J. Gurr mentioned that GLE/Trustream appears to be preparing to install internet cable in/around the Alden area.
- M. Robinson advised that Subway in Bellaire is closing, a marijuana shop is opening in its place.

Public Comment:

1. G. Mayes asked the following three questions:
  - a. Are STRs commercial or residential?
  - b. Does the existence of STRs in the residential zoned areas support our master plan?
  - c. Are STRs supported by the results of the 2022 survey results?  
NOTE: these questions have previously been forwarded to the HTPC attorney for response. Additional follow-up is needed.
2. P. Sak requested copies of the updated language for Ordinances 5.02.01 and 5.02.02.
3. There were inquiries from residents about the engagement processes with Helena Township Planning Commission members.

New Business:

- Zoning Administrator Report: Submission of January 2025 report was shared. There were no questions.
- Consensus that the Helena Township Planning Commission should work with the Helena Township Board to select a new attorney representing the Planning Commission and the work product as soon as possible.
  - 5.02.01 and 5.02.02 ordinances and definitions require attorney review/approval before being presented to the Helena Township Board, and updated in the Helena Township Ordinance records.
- S. Moglovkin resigned as chairperson of the Helena Township Planning Commission; however, Sue will remain a valuable member. Thank you Sue for all your township contributions.
- M. Robinson was named as the chairperson.
  - J. Gurr motioned to approve the above two membership changes and F. VandenBerg seconded the motions. Both motions were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- No old business.

Adjourn:

- M. Robinson motioned to adjourn and F. VandenBerg seconded. January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fay M. VandenBerg, Helena Township Planning Commission Recording Secretary