

**Douglass Township Planning Commission**  
**3521 W. McBride rd Stanton Mi 48888**

Regular Meeting Minutes

10/29/25

7:00pm

**Call to order** 7:01 pm by Matt moorman

Pledge of Allegiance recited

**Roll Call:** Present Eric Tester, Fletcher Wernholm, Matt Moorman, Mark Hill

**Motion to elect Matt Moorman chair pro tempore**

*Motion made by Tester, Second Wernholm*

**Motion to approve agenda items**

*Motion made by Tester, Second Wernholm*

**Approval of July 30 Minutes**

*Motion made by Wernholm, Second Tester*

**Public Comments on Agenda items**

Comments on alpaca size for animal units

**Public Comment Closed**

- Motion to amend ordinance 2.02 to include Alpacas in the five animal unit category

*Motion made by Tester, Second Moorman*

*Roll Call Vote: Hill-Yes, Moorman-Yes, Wernholm-Yes, Tester-Yes*

*Motion to close public hearing on animal units made by Tester, Second Wernholm*

**Public Comment on Noise Ordinance**

Questions on what defines quiet hours

Question on enforcement of ordinances

Comments on what and who can make noise

**Public Comment Closed**

**Board Comment:** Concerns over how ordinance applies to holidays.

Comment on why noise ordinance is needed and to which districts it applies

Comment on whether or not to table the ordinance

- Motion to approve section 3.26 Ordinance on Noise

*Motion made by Moorman, Second Tester*

*Roll Call Vote: Hill-Yes, Moorman-Yes, Wernholm-No, Tester-Yes*

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion on Short Term Rentals**

Comments and concerns on the allowance of short term rentals in the township

Comments on what is happening to current short term rental listings

Comments on Short term rentals in neighboring townships

Comments made on how many short term rentals would be allow

Clarification on long term and short term rentals

Comments made on inspection, application, and enforcement of short term rentals

**Decision made to hold a special meeting with township attorney on November 4**

#### **2026 Regular Meeting Dates**

January 28, April 29, July 29, October 28

*Motion made by Tester, Second Moorman*

### **Commitment Reports**

Eric Tester Board Liaison

Dave Kelsey Zoning Administrator

- Provided information on approval/denials of permits
- Gave update on status of violations

### **Old Business**

#### **Public Comment**

- Comments from property owners on Clifford Lake regarding short term rentals
- Further comments on positives and negatives of short term rentals

### **Further Commission Discussion**

**Commissioner Moorman** Concerned over amount of short terms rentals

**Secretary Wernholm** Voiced support of creating short term rental ordinance

**Liaison Tester** Discussed the process of zoning complaints

**Commissioner Hill** Discussed opinion on short term rentals

**Motion to adjourn**

*Motion made by Tester, Second by Wernholm*

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

