

Banks Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

February 10, 2026

Banks Township Hall, 6:00 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairperson Patti Howes
  - a. Present: Richard Friske, Travis Chellis, Patti Howes, Tyler Strange, Dave Rasmussen
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Recognition of guests and visitors – Kurtis Busman, Zoning Administrator, Ruben Shell, Beckett & Raeder – Planning Consultant, Cindy Busman, recording secretary.
4. MMS D. Rasmussen, T. Strange to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 minutes with the correction of a name from C. Heeres to C. Hoeksema. MC
5. Announcements and Correspondence – None received
6. Public Comment – Public comment received from Laura Edwards, Patty Wiltse, Terry Kauska, Paul Michanowicz, Pat Michanowicz, Brad Waterman
7. MMS P. Howes, T. Chellis to open Public Hearing re: Setback Amendment. MC. Public Hearing opened at 6:19 p.m. Public comment received from Patty Wiltse, Pat Michanowicz, Paul Michanowicz Fred Hoeksema, Don King. There being no further public comment, MMS T. Strange, T. Chellis to close Public Hearing. MC. Public Hearing on Setback Amendment closed at 6:28 p.m. MMS P. Howes, T. Strange that Banks Township Planning Commission recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for reduced front yard setbacks in the Agricultural (A) and Conservation/Recreation (C/R) zoning districts as presented and forward the amendment to Antrim County Planning Commission and Banks Township Board of Trustees for review and consideration, in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. All ayes, MC
8. MMS P. Howes, T. Chellis to open Public Hearing re: Master Plan. MC. Public Hearing opened at 6:39 p.m. Public comment received from Don King, Paul Michanowicz, Laura Edwards, Patty Wiltse, Leslie Dudinick. There being no further public comment MMS T. Chellis, D. Rasmussen to close Public Hearing. MC. Public Hearing re: Master Plan closed at 6:52 p.m. Discussion.
9. Standing Reports:
  - a. ZBA – has not met
  - b. Zoning Administrator, K. Busman – 1 permit issued since last meeting

- c. Township Board Representative – R. Friske – highlighted minutes from Twp Board meeting, All Commissioners have had a chance to review.
- d. Planning Consultant – R. Shell: packet was furnished prior to meeting

10. Unfinished Business

- a. 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report. MMS P. Howes, D. Rasmussen to adopt 2025 Annual Report and forward to Township Board. All ayes, MC
- b. Draft – Two Family Dwelling in A/CR districts. Move to Public Hearing March 10, 2026
- c. Correspondence with Attorney Catherine Kauffman – she will be at the April 14, 2026 PC meeting

11. New Business

12. MSU Extension Course local opportunity – on-line training course available to Commissioners. Also, Public Hearing re: Zoning repeal, March 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m. to be held at Ellsworth High School gym

13. Public Comment – comments received from Don King, Laura Edwards, Fred Hoeksema

14. MMS T. Strange, T. Chellis to adjourn. MC. Meeting adjourned 7.28 p.m.

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Dave Rasmussen, Secretary

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Cindy Busman, recording secretary