

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP
Planning Meeting December 16, 2025
DRAFT ONLY

The meeting was called to order by Gabrielle Blackwell at 7:00 pm

Pledge led by: Gabrielle

Members present: Dean Shue, Gabrielle Blackwell, Robert (Bob) Larsen, Cindy Blamer, Eric Carlson, Harry Stroven

Excused: Mike Sullivan

Other Township Board/Committee Members Present: Kristin Melvin, Brad Fowler Township Attorney
Public Present: 12

Cindy made a motion to approve the agenda for December 16, 2025 meeting. Robert seconded. Motion carried, 6-0

Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 25, 2025. Robert seconded. Motion carried, 6-0

Public Comments:

Old Business:

*Dean made a motion to close the regular meeting. Cindy seconded. Motion carried, 6-0

*Dean made a motion to open the public hearing for the conditional use request for the unmanned wireless communication facility at 4746 w 72nd street. Robert seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Planning commission reviewed the conditional use permit and the location of the proposed tower.

Community concern regarding the location of the tower from a nearby resident. Discussion regarding setbacks. Concern to have existing trees remain on property line.

*Dean made a motion to close the public hearing for the conditional use request for the unmanned wireless communication facility at 4746 w 72nd street. Cindy seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

*Dean made a motion to open the regular meeting for the planning commission. Eric seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

*Dean made a motion to recommend to the township board the conditional use permit be approved with the condition that the current trees that were planted along the property line-remain as is. Robert seconded. Roll Call: Robert-Yes, Cindy-Yes, Dean-Yes, Gabrielle-Yes, Eric-Yes, Harry-Yes. Motion carried, 6-0

New Business:

*Gabrille made a motion to cancel the December 23rd planning meeting. Cindy seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

*Cindy made a motion to set the public hearing for the Sylvan Solar conditional use application on January 29th at 6:00pm at Newaygo High School in the cafeteria. Gabrielle seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

ZA Report:

Dean made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert seconded. Motion carried, 6-0 at 7:37 pm

Kristin Melvin, Clerk
Garfield Township