Arvon Township Planning Commission Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 1:00 PM

Call to Order
Roll Call

- ✓ Nancy Strohschein (Chair)
- ✓ Bob Janda (Board Rep)
- ✓ Jay Loman (Zoning Board of Appeals Chair)
- ✓ Donna Preston
- ✓ John Salisbury

Pledge of Allegiance: Done
Introductions/Guests: None present
Approval of Agenda: Motion: Bob Janda, Second: John Salisbury, All in favor. Approved.
Approval of Minutes: No minutes were approved at this meeting

Agenda:

I. Chairman comments by Nancy Strohschein
   A. Reminder that this is a Planning Commission (PC) meeting, in which we will invite public comment at specific times.
   B. Draft meeting minutes will be posted on the township website within a week of this meeting.
   C. Information from the September 14, 2026 Township Board Meeting
      - Nancy presented the Planning Commission's recommended verbiage for Short Term Rentals (STRs) in the Zoning Ordinance (ZO), which were sent to the board on September 3. Nancy asked the board to consider reasons for addressing STRs in the ZO. She gave options for action by the board to accept the recommendation, revise it, have the PC make revisions, or advise the PC to remove the STR section in the upcoming ZO update. The board chose to defer a decision until the October 5 meeting.
      - Nancy presented information on Data Centers from MTA, local townships and the Northern Michigan Alliance for Reasonable Development. The board believes having a moratorium is the best approach and asked the PC to have a special meeting to draft a recommendation for the board to review at the October 5 meeting, if possible.
      - Nancy informed the board of classes available through the MSU Extension for Citizen Planner, Zoning Board of Appeals and other helpful topics. There was no specific request for these classes, however Nancy stated she will sign up for one on STRs.
   D. Attending MSU Extension webinar on STRs on October 6

II. Temporary moratorium on Data Centers

A. The PC reviewed several documents in preparation for creating a moratorium for Arvon Township, including examples from Clark and L'Anse Townships.

B. The differences between a board resolution as Clark Township did and an ordinance change as L'Anse Township did were discussed.

C. The MTA website was reviewed on the importance of having an up-to-date Master Plan, making sure our moratorium is customized for our township, and linked to the proper article and section in our ZO.

D. The PC started with the sample moratorium from MTA and customized it for Arvon Township. Very few changes were made. Donna provided a review of the moratorium from Adams Township which was nearly an exact copy of the MTA sample.

E. When the draft is presented to the board, the board will need to decide if it needs to be reviewed by our attorney before being adopted.

F. Nancy will make final changes to the draft and send it via email to the board and all PC members before the October 5 board meeting.

III. October quarterly meeting – Nancy is unable to attend the scheduled quarterly meeting on October 22. It was proposed to move it to October 29 at 6 PM. Jay Loman will not be available, but we will have everyone else. A motion to move the meeting to October 29 was made by Donna, seconded by John. All voted in favor. Nancy will submit notice to the Sentinel to change the date in the paper.

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Next meetings

A. Township Board Meeting: Monday, October 5 at 6 PM

B. 2026 quarterly meeting

- Thursday, October 29

VI. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM