

Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes April 29, 2026

Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Brandy Solomon at 7:07PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair

Members Present: Brandy Solomon, Nick Tipper, and Brenda Zlotek

Public Present: none

Additions to Agenda - none

Approval of Minutes Nick Tipper Motioned to approve minutes from February 25, 2026, seconded by Brandy Solomon, motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda items- None

Reports:

Township Zoning/Enforcement Officer Update- Forrest Thurston, not present

Zoning Board of Appeals update- Tanner White, not present

Township Board Liaison- Nick Tipper reported that the Township held a special meeting to develop the language for Millage proposals on the August 2026 Ballot. The

Briggs public Library informed the township that approximately 50% of the township residents hold library cards at Briggs Public Library in Saint Johns.

The Clinton County ambulance reported to the township they are currently underfunded and it is possible the township could lose the local ambulance service.

Unfinished Business

- a. **PA-233 Appeal and Update & Overlay district Update.** No reports or information has been received from the attorneys on this matter. Nick Tipper relayed that oral arguments had been scheduled to be heard by the Court on 4/15/2026.
- b. **Road Frontage Requirement /ROW Amendment.** The Planning Commission will ask McKenna to draft ordinance language changing the minimal road frontage to 250 feet, for presenting at a public hearing at our May Meeting.
- c. **Data Center Ordinance.** The Planning Commission reviewed the documents provided by McKenna titled "Data Center Draft Guide," "Village of Webberville- Data Center Ordinance" and "An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Leroy (data centers and Digital Mining)."

We will request McKenna write up ordinance language for Bengal Township, Clinton County using the Leroy Township draft as a template for the Bengal Township Data Center Zoning Ordinance Draft. We will ask McKenna to make the noise portion of the Data Center ordinance match the noise restrictions we currently have for our wind ordinance, along with 500 ft setbacks from property lines and Data Centers will only be allowable as a special use permit in the area zoned as Industrial. The Planning Commission will plan to hold a public hearing at the May meeting for final review.

New Business. None

Planning Commission Comments. Brenda Zlotek will stay on the Planning Commission for one more year, if approved by the township, her current term expires in June.

Motion of Excused Absence. Brenda Zlotek motioned to approve the absence of Tanner White, seconded by Nick Tipper, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44PM by Chair

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Zlotek, Secretary Bengal Township Planning Commission.

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