

**GARDEN TOWNSHIP MICHIGAN**  
**GARDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

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## **MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm by Chairperson Tim O'Neill.

**Present:** Janet Daasch, Jenna Silkworth, Meghan Kelly, Tim O'Neill

**Absent:** Deanna Manke

**Approval of the Agenda:** Jenna made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Meghan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Janet, Jenna, Meghan, Tim. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

**Approval of minutes:** Janet made a motion to approve the minutes from Planning Commission's meeting on Mar 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as presented, seconded by Meghan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Janet, Jenna, Meghan, Tim. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

The **Assessor's/Zoning Administrator's report** for the last month was presented and reviewed. Zoning administrator, Joe Maki was absent. Jenna made a motion to accept the Assessor's/Zoning Administrator's report as presented, seconded by Janet. A copy of the report will be kept on file in the Township Office. Roll call vote: Ayes: Janet, Jenna, Meghan, Tim. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Garden Township Master Plan:** The progress of the Master Plan was presented and reviewed by the Planning Commission. There was a problem with the link on the township's website, it will be resolved.

**Review of Zoning Ordinance:** The Interim Zoning Ordinance was discussed. The ordinance needs to be reviewed for inconsistencies and needed changes so that it is ready for presentation to the Township Board for final adoption at the time the Master Plan is ready for final approval. CUUPAD will be organizing and drafting the Zoning Ordinance.

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**New Business:**

**Resignation of Frank Williams & Appointment of Janet Daasch:** Frank Williams has resigned from the Planning Commission as business opportunities have taken him out of Garden Township, his time, dedication, and input has been greatly appreciated. Janet Daasch has been appointed by the Garden Township Board to fill out Frank's remaining term until June 2025.

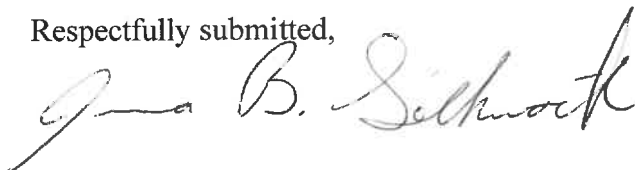
**Consider amendment to Interim Zoning Ordinance section 211 & 300:** The Garden Township Board has made a recommendation to the Planning Commission to reduce minimum lot size standards in Resource Production zoning districts. The Planning Commission discussed whether to reject the recommended changes completely or hold a Public Hearing in order to receive input from the public on the matter. Jenna made a motion that a Public Hearing be held before voting on the recommended changes to section 211 & 300 of the Interim Zoning Ordinance. Then motion was seconded by Janet. Roll call vote: Ayes: Janet, Jenna, Meghan, Tim. Nays: 0. Motion carried. Tim made a motion to schedule a Special Meeting for the Public Hearing on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7pm, seconded by Janet. Roll call vote: Ayes: Janet, Jenna, Meghan, Tim. Nays: 0. Motion carried. An announcement for the Public Hearing will be published in the Escanaba Daily Press at least 15 days ahead of time.

**Other:** none

**Public Comments:** No Public Comment.

**Adjourn:** Janet made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm, seconded by Meghan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Janet, Jenna, Meghan, Tim. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jenna Silkworth

Planning Commission Secretary.