

NORWICH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, June 3, 2026 7pm

7213 North Cypress Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Meeting Minutes Approved

Call To Order: called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Angela Barnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: Angela Barnes, Jill Gregory, Ruth Scott, Jennifer Kailing, Ezra Scott, Ben Avery

Members Absent: Josh Cline

Others Present: Zach Wall, Dean Wall, Tristan Wall, Kelsey Senyk, Ken McCumber

Call To Order:

- April 1, 2026 meeting minutes: Motion by Jen Kailing to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Jill Gregory. Motion carried unanimously.
- Zoning Administrators Report: The Zoning Administrator's report was provided to members.

New Business:

- **Dean's Landscaping & Excavating, Inc. Mining and Mineral Extraction Uses and Operations**

Application: The Planning Commission unanimously agreed to take item out of order.

Application reviewed. No action taken; statutory notice requirements must be met before approval or denial.

Discussed the need for a special meeting/public hearing. Angela Barnes called a special meeting. All members present unanimously agreed to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Present for applicant: Zach Wall, Dean Wall, Tristan Wall. Present for property/trust: Kelsey Synek, executor of the Gerald Bennett Trust. Dean's Excavating identified as applicant and responsible party. Site described as existing pit with prior material removal. No prior special use permit identified.

Proposed operation described as job-driven, sporadic, and not continuous. Proposed activities discussed included sand/gravel removal, grading, reclamation, drainage controls, dust control, and possible concrete/asphalt crushing. Applicant stated disturbed areas would be reclaimed in phases with soil and vegetation.

Discussion items/potential conditions included hours, Saturday use, no Sunday operations, dust, noise, "Jake brakes", truck traffic, haul routes, lighting, fuel/chemical storage, security, maintenance, drainage, reclamation, road impacts, and public safety. Applicants requested typical hours of Monday–Friday, approximately 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM; limited Saturday use as needed; no Sunday operations except possible emergency public-service situations.

Dean's Excavating agreed to pay all costs related to the special meeting, including personnel and publication costs.

Public Comment: No comment

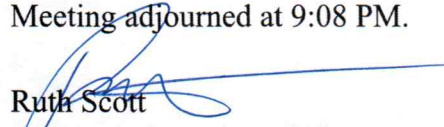
Unfinished Business:

- Master Plan Review: Continued review of the Township Master Plan. Sections reviewed included Aesthetics/Property Maintenance/Blight, Agriculture, Business, Cemetery, Communication, Schools, Library Services, and Environmental/Mineral Development/Forestry. Discussed condensing repetitive language, removing outdated references, avoiding overly specific names or examples that may become outdated, and clarifying language. Review of the Master Plan will continue at the next regular meeting, anticipated to be August 5, 2026, unless additional special meetings are needed for the pending special use application. Review

will continue on page 18, Governance.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion by Ezra Scott to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jennifer Kailing. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.


Ruth Scott
Planning Commission Secretary

Approved by the Planning Commission on: 6/24/26