

## Mikado Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2025

**Present:** Steve Stevens, Carrie Mullins, Bill Spunar, Jim Deller

**Absent:** Steve Sanderson

**Guests:** Supervisor Craig Ostby, Clerk Rita Sands, Anne Harmon, Tim McDonald

**Call to Order:** 6:05 PM

Pledge

**Motion** to approve the meeting minutes from September 4, 2025 made by Spunar, seconded by Deller, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

**6:10 pm Motion** to close the quarterly meeting and open the Public Hearing made by Mullins, seconded by Spunar, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: Strategic Planning for Kahn's Property after Demolition**

An open discussion was allowed for this. Mullins brought up two questions from the public that came in through Facebook. 1) Is the demolition open to public bids? 2) Could there be an opportunity to go in and retrieve any memorabilia? The answer for both of these questions was No. First of all, the grant for this project is through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and they are the ones who dictate the demolition. Second, Kahn's has been picked clean and is entirely too dangerous to enter.

Many ideas were brought up, including:

Expanding Bruce Park, BBQ grills, picnic tables, a pavilion, pickleball court (this was noted as seasonal, but Stevens mentioned that they were popular in Alpena), theater in the park (a metal roofed pavilion style was mentioned where a projection screen could be added), playground equipment, community activity area, exercise or fitness course, and a dog run area. All of these suggestions included the need for a house style Porta-Potty, one that's unisex and handicap accessible. It was also noted that if power, water or other utilities were needed that the Township may have to consider rental fees.

Further discussion led to the need to take into consideration parking, longevity, landscaping, and potential costs to the Township for ongoing maintenance for anything that is decided. The topic of a farmer's market, pop-up craft show, or some other community draw was discussed as possibly taking place in this new space after the demolition. The overall idea was to clean up the area and upgrade it in order to develop better community opportunities.

Finally, we talked about how nice it would be to have a space that could be used in conjunction with other events like those that take place in the Civic Center. Then there was mention of possible grant opportunities to cover the upgrades discussed.

**6:50 pm Motion** to close the Public Hearing and open the quarterly meeting made by Mullins, seconded by Spunar, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

### **Quarterly Meeting:**

Mullins mentioned that there will be a budget meeting held by the Township Board on January 10, 2026. It was noted that the Township will be losing some of the revenue sharing from the state.

The PC members discussed required quarterly meetings for 2026 and came up with the following dates, with the understanding that there may be a need to add another meeting to contend with the Zoning Ordinance when we get it back from the lawyer. All of these meetings fall on Thursday, and will be at 6pm at the Civic Center.

March 5, 2026

June 4, 2026

September 3, 2026

December 3, 2026

**Motion** to accept the dates with the possibility to add another for the ZO made by Spunar, seconded by Deller, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion** to adjourn by Spunar, seconded by Deller, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

**Adjournment:** 7:00 PM

**Next Meeting:** Thursday March 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center