

**MERRILL TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
1585 W. 11 MILE ROAD
BITELY, MICHIGAN 49309**



AGENDA
May 22, 2025
7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Brian Bordewyk

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE

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ROLL CALL

Dave Miedema, Joe Cook, Venola Walton-Stancil, Alger Cline

Brian Bordewyk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

All

MINUTES FROM April 24, 2025 MEETING

Note: Abbreviated please refer to Township WEB page
For additional details

BRIAN BORDEWYK

APPROVAL OF April 24, 2025 MINUTES

All

OPENING REMARKS

BRIAN BORDEWYK

PUBLIC COMMENT

ALL PRESENT

- Comments limited to 3 minutes, you may yield your time to others. Please provide your name & local address. *Comments will be noted for future discussion and consideration by the MTZ&PC.*

NEW BUSINESS

ALL

Schedule of fees review

- Review of current schedule of fees for recommendations back to the board for consideration (attached below).
 - Brian to review Lilly Township for comparison and discuss with Zoning any data available for actual costs.
 - Venola will review fees from Monroe Township to share with Committee.
 - Alger will review fees from Lincoln Township

COMMERCIAL ZONING DISCUSSION

- Based on the public comment and specific asks by property owners along M-37, the planning commission opened conversation regarding the appropriateness of the newly modified Zoning in the area M-37 vs the prior Boarder to Boarder commercial designation. Review with commission Master Plan and current zoning. - **Brian**
- Brian Bordewyk asked each planning member to go see the M-37 areas in question and talk to people in the community regarding zoning desire for these areas. Discuss Feedback? - **ALL**
- Ryan Coffey update:
 - Current highlighted zoning map
 - Examples of how we might document/verbalize Zoning along M-37
 - Process and Method needed to review, change/modify current zoning and master plan back to Township Board.

Current Fees to review/discuss:

Copies (per page)	\$ 0.25
Zoning Ordinance	\$ 30.00
Master Plan	\$ 30.00
Land Use Permit:	
Regular	\$ 30.00
Work begun before permit obtained	\$ 100.00
Special Use Permit	Actual Cost
Exceptional Use Permit	Actual Cost
Variance Request:	
- Dimensional (\$300.00 deposit required)	Actual Cost
- Use (\$300.00 deposit required)	Actual Cost
Temporary Permits:	
- Trailer/Mobile Home (per 9.3 B 1 in X.O.)	\$100.00
- Temporary Dwelling	\$ 50.00
Tool Shed for Construction	No Charge
Subdivision Office	\$125.00
Camping	\$ 50.00

Land Division Combination	\$ 30.00 + Assessor fee
Civil Offense	\$100/\$250/\$500/\$1,000.00
To call a special meeting of the Planning Commission	\$275.00
To call a special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals	\$275.00
Cemetery Lot	\$150.00
Building Rental - See Merrill Township Clerk	

Portion Rented	Rental Fees Resident/Property Owner	Others	Deposit
Auditorium & Kitchen (no cooking)	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$ 300.00
Auditorium & Kitchen (cooking)	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$ 300.00
Kitchen Only (for cooking)	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
Merrill Township Board approved	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0
Non-profit organization meetings			
Community Benefit meetings	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50

FINAL REMARKS

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