

A G E N D A

MARQUETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

ROOM 41, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX – 5:00 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 4) Public Comment
- 5) Approval of Agenda
- 6) Public Hearing
- 7) Communications
 - a. MCSWMA 3.26.25 Special Meeting Minutes
 - b. MCSWMA 4.16.25 Regular Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
 - c. MCSWMA 4.16.25 Annual Stockholder's Meeting (DRAFT)
 - d. US 41 Corridor 3.11.25 Meeting Minutes
 - e. US 41 Corridor 4.8.25 Meeting Minutes
 - f. Forsyth Township Zoning Text Amendment
- 8) Monthly Reports: April, 2025
- 9) Old Business
 - a. Materials Management Planning Update
 - b. Climate Action Planning Update
- 10) New Business
 - a. Sands Township Zoning Text Amendment
 - b. Silver Lead Creek Greenway Presentation
- 11) Announcements
- 12) Public Comment
- 13) Adjournment

MARQUETTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2025

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting of the Marquette County Planning Commission was called to order by Commissioner Kaiser at 5:01 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call: Commissioners present: Karen Alholm, Michael Smith, Ken Kaiser, Bob Struck, and Kathy Vermaat. Commissioners Dave Slater and Eric Swisher were not in attendance. Staff present: Emily Leach, Nico Vermaat and Tashia Cromell.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Alholm motioned to approve the January 8, 2025, minutes, seconded by Commissioner Struck. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Public Comment: None.
- 5) Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Struck motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Public Hearing: None.
- 7) Communications: Commissioner Smith made the motion to accept and file communications. Seconded by Commissioner Struck. The motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Monthly Reports: Commissioner Struck made a motion to accept and file the February 2025 reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alholm. The motion was carried unanimously.
- 9) Old Business:
 - a. Materials Management Planning Update: Commissioner Vermaat commented that they have not had a quorum and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 20th. She mentioned that there would be action to take on approving the work plan.
 - b. Climate Action Planning Update: Staff shared that the Climate Action Plan (CAP) has been out for public review since mid-February after the sub-committee met nine times over the year to develop the plan. Minimal comments have been received. Staff has met with local organizations and presented the draft plan. Commissioner Alholm motioned to approve the Climate Action Plan and send the plan to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration pending any major public comments. Seconded by Commissioner Struck. The motion carried unanimously. There was additional discussion and some questions brought up by Commissioner Smith regarding the Natural Gas units in the County. Staff responded that the intent of the CAP

was to lay out facts about local, state and national climate data. There are strategies in the plan about how the County Facilities can specifically lower Green House Gas emissions from implementing recommendations from the Energy Audit completed in 2024 and the plan does not propose closing the Natural Gas plants.

10) New Business:

- a. Forsyth Township Zoning Text Amendment: Staff stated that the proposed amendment to add a definition and regulation ordinance language relating to campers is consistent with other local zoning ordinance language. Staff recommends that the Marquette Planning Commission support the proposed text amendment and forward staff comments and any Commission comments to the Forsyth Township Board and Planning Commission. Commissioner Struck motioned to approve the Text Amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Alholm. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Capital Improvements Project Ranking Process: Staff proposed the Planning Commission should vote to adopt the ranking criteria for the 2026 Capital Improvement Program. Commissioner Alholm motioned to adopt the ranking criteria. Seconded by Commissioner Struck. The motion carried unanimously. There was additional discussion to inform new Commissioner Smith about the process.

- 11) Announcements: Commissioner Kaiser commented that he would be absent at the April meeting. Commissioner Vermaat provided an update about CUPPAD and that representatives from the representing counties discussed interesting information, and she is happy to share more if anyone is interested. Ms. Leach commented about the hiring of a new administrator and that the Board was in the contract negotiating process with Kip Belcher.

- 12) Public Comment: None.

- 13) Adjournment: Commissioner Smith motioned, seconded by Commissioner Vermaat to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tashia Cromell

MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

PLACE: Landfill Administration Complex
600 County Road NP
Marquette, MI 49855

MEMBERS PRESENT: In Person: Randall Yelle, Helen Wilson (Alternate Board Member), Dave Campana, Bobby Anttila, and Amy Manning.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Glenn Adams (unexcused), Joe Minelli (excused), Dennis Honch, (excused).

EX OFFICIO: Mike Stannard, MCSWMA

OTHERS: In Person: Chris Magnuson, MCSWMA, Ben Koepp, MCSWMA. By Zoom: Lyn Durant, Marquette Township; Scott Cambensy, City of Marquette.

1. Call to Order: R. Yelle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance recited.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Campana, support by Anttila to accept the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

4. Business

- a. Dave Dennison, Great Lakes Territorial Manager for BOMAG and Matt McDaniel, Landfill Compaction Manager for BOMAG, to present a slideshow presentation to discuss the Bomag Landfill Product and specifically the new BC873 RB5. There was an extensive explanation from M. Stannard with regard to the research/homework performed by his staff prior to the presentation. B. Koepp gave a brief description of the Bomag's MCSWMA currently has. Information on the warranty on the Bomag was given by Great Lakes. Different options for financing were discussed by Great Lakes.

- A. Manning noted how impressed she was by the research and is convinced it is a good machine, but would like to see more information on the financials before making a decision.
 - Chairperson R. Yelle stated he made several short phone calls regarding the Bomag and was advised multiple times that it is the “Cadillac” of Bomags.
 - Motion by B. Anttila, supported by Campana to approve the accounts payable. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Trustee Comments: None.
6. Adjournment: R. Yelle adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Randall L. Yelle, Chairperson

Dennis Honch, Secretary

MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

PLACE: Landfill Administration Complex
600 County Road NP
Marquette, MI 49855

MEMBERS PRESENT: In Person: Randall Yelle, Glenn Adams, Dave Campana, Robert Antilla, Dennis Honch, Amy Manning, and Helen Wilson. By Telephone; Joe Minelli

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EX OFFICIO: Mike Stannard

OTHERS: In Person: William T. Nordeen, Attorney; Beth Bonanni, Recording Secretary; Chris Magnuson, MCSWMA; Gary Wommer, Negaunee Township; Jim Belpedio, Champion Township; Richard Bohjanen, Chocolay Township; and Jo Foley, Michigan League of Women Voters. By Zoom: Scott Cambensy, City of Marquette; Lyn Durant, Marquette Township, and an unknown person.

1. Call to Order: R. Yelle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

2. Approval of Agenda: D. Honch made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Robert Antilla supported. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment: G. Wommer, Negaunee Township

4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 2/19/25 – Regular Meeting
 - b. 3/26/25 – Special Meeting

D. Campana made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2025, and Special Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2025. D. Honch supported. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Statistics – February & March 2025
- b. Accounts Payable
- c. Board Member Contact List
- d. Receiving Statements Regarding Audit Firms
- e. New Bomag Compactor Financing Plan
- f. BLP Ash

A. Manning requested that 5d and 5e be pulled out of the Consent Agenda for discussion. D. Campana made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with 5d and 5e removed. G. Adams supported. Motion approved unanimously. A. Manning asked about quotes received from Audit firms, if the Board was acting on it today or if was for informational purposes only. R. Yelle said it is for information only, as another quote is coming in yet, so it will be placed on the Agenda under business for the May meeting. A. Manning asked if there were any quotes coming from local accounting firms. M. Stannard said no local audit firms provided quotes; however, they reached out to Schneider, Larche, Haapala out of Escanaba and have not heard back from them. A. Manning said she would like to see some local options, if possible, and asked if other local government entities work with any auditing firms besides Anderson Tackman? R. Yelle said no other firms have shown any interest. A. Manning made a motion to approve 5d and to place it in the file. D. Honch supported. Motion approved unanimously.

In regard to 5e, A. Manning noted there was a Financing Plan included in the Board packet and asked if the Financing Plan would be voted on at the May meeting. R. Yelle said they are waiting for Bell Bank to send another document. B. Nordeen said he has been in contact with Bell Bank, and they wanted to make sure the Financing Plan was passed before they send MCSWMA the Lease Agreement. B. Nordeen said he is really happy to say that Bell Bank really understands the issue that municipalities cannot place their full faith and credit when they purchase things; the way around it is to lease to own. B. Nordeen said the Board should make a motion to purchase the 2024 Bomag Compactor contingent on an acceptable Lease Agreement.

G. Wommer, Negaunee Township asked to speak on this matter since it was taken up before public comment. R. Yelle said that was fine. G. Wommer said he knows that

they call this compactor the Cadillac of compactors, and he drives a Cadillac, and as people know, Cadillacs are really nice vehicles but are also very expensive to repair. G. Wommer said the Financing Plan was not signed by anybody and it is obvious to him that no one at the Landfill wrote it. G. Wommer said it is not in the Landfill's normal font, or normal style, and everyone at the Landfill signs their stuff. C. Magnuson indicated he created the subject Financing Plan. G. Wommer asked C. Magnuson for him to start signing his documents. G. Wommer said the Financing Plan states that the Landfill spent over \$83,000.00 this past fiscal year on repairs and then one paragraph away, it says the annual repair expenditure reduction is \$83,000.00 over the 7 years. It states MCSWMA is spending \$83,000.00 over the 7 years. C. Magnuson replied that on the bottom of the Financing Plan it says: "Beginning in Fiscal year 2026-27 an annual analysis of the current financial state will be conducted and if tipping fees need to be raised, a \$3 per ton fee will be presented to the Board." G. Wommer said there is no reduction of \$83,000.00 a year. Mr. Wommer said if you spend \$83,000.00 every year for 7 years and the machine is only worth \$50,000.00, this doesn't make sense. The Landfill is planning on spending one and a quarter million dollars on the machine, it is a very expensive machine, and asked if MCSWMA has a bid policy. M. Stannard said the Landfill did not go after any bids, as it was explained in the Special Meeting, the Landfill sent its operators and mechanics to check out 3 to 4 different machines, talk to other Landfill Directors and operators, and it came down to the Bomag was the best choice. G. Wommer said he is not saying in any way it is a bad machine; it sounds like it is a very needed machine, but the biggest raise in tipping fees is not in effect yet, and already MCSWMA is looking into raising tipping fees next year. The municipalities are the ones that feel this and have people calling them every day complaining about their garbage fees. Mr. Wommer said the municipalities were hoping they would have one year they wouldn't have to start raising money from their constituents for waste. G. Wommer commented that MCSWMA has a lot of surpluses right now because of the hospital and KI Sawyer projects, but he doesn't think the Landfill will have a surplus in the next fiscal year. Mr. Wommer also commented that the municipalities are stockholders of MCSWMA, but they don't get a vote. A. Manning commented she had some issues with the Financing Plan, which is why she asked for it to be pulled. If she had to vote on it today, she would have to vote no on it. A. Manning asked what is budgeted on a year-to-year basis to repair the 2017 Bomag. C. Magnuson said usually per machine it is probably around \$40,000.00. A. Manning asked what the budget would be for the 2024 Bomag. C. Magnuson said it would be zero for the first two years because it is under warranty. After the 2 years, C. Magnuson said he would have to get an estimate from Miller Bradford because he wouldn't know the price of parts, inflation, and shipping would all factor into the repair costs. A. Manning also stated the value of the trade-in for the 2017 is minimal; it does offset the purchase price, but not substantially. A.

Manning also stated she is not in favor of raising the tipping fee for the purchase. A. Manning said if the Landfill has to raise tipping fees to afford the machine, then it means the Landfill cannot afford that particular machine. M. Stannard replied that the 2017 machine was down for 8 months and they cannot get by with only one machine. M. Stannard discussed the other options on machines and why the mechanics liked the Bomag. G. Wommer said MCSWMA needs to bid this out for new machines and used ones. D. Campana commented that staff will need to procure more bids. R. Antilla said it seems like the clock is ticking with the company holding the machine for MCSWMA, and who knows what will happen with Tariffs, so a Special Meeting should be held earlier than the May meeting, if other prices are obtained. A. Manning made a motion to table the Financing Plan for the Bomag (5e), have staff obtain prices and availability on the other machines, have the Financial Manager put together another Financing Plan with the header of the Authority on it, and his signature on the bottom. G. Adams supported. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Business

- a. Banking – D. Campana made a motion to approve the banking. D. Honch supported. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Financials – B. Antilla made a motion to approve the Financials. D. Honch supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Recycling Financials – D. Campana made a motion to approve the Recycling Financials. G. Adams supported. D. Campana asked about produce waiting for shipping under March 2025, the number listed is \$45,281.00, and asked if this means this is plastics, cans, etc. waiting to be sent out. M. Stannard said that is correct. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Reimbursements – D. Honch made a motion to approve the Reimbursements. R. Antilla supported. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. PTO Policy – M. Stannard said this is the policy that was discussed in the February meeting, where there were 2 days the staff could just go with no PTO and all that was removed in the policy was that line, so it is essentially the same document. D. Honch made a motion to adopt the presented PTO Policy. D. Campana supported. Discussion takes place to modify the PTO Policy so that both Union and non-represented workers can appeal the policy, in steps, by first going to the Director, then they can appeal to the Chairperson, and then appeal to the Board. A. Manning said the Union workers can choose to go through the grievance process listed in the CBA or go through the appeal steps listed above. R. Yelle said the PTO Policy will be tabled until the May meeting so attorney Nordeen can revise the language. M. Stannard said the rest of the policies should be looked at as well. B. Nordeen said yes, at some point, all the policies could be

reviewed. R. Antilla made a motion to table the PTO Policy until the May meeting. G. Adams supported. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Health & Safety Plan – M. Stannard said the Health & Safety Plan was included with the Risk Assessment, but at some point, the Board decided to pull out the Risk Assessment for more information. M. Stannard reached out to Tetra Tech and TriMedia and the two companies provided numbers that were almost identical. M. Stannard said he highly encourages the Board to implement a Health & Safety Plan for everyone's benefit. D. Campana made a motion to approve the plan provided by TriMedia in the amount of \$7,940.00. A. Manning supported. H. Wilson said she is abstaining from voting on this motion since she is an employee of TriMedia. Roll call vote conducted: Dennis Honch, "yes;" A. Manning, "yes;" R. Antilla, "yes;" G. Adams, "yes;" D. Campana, "yes;" R. Yelle, "yes;" and H. Wilson, "abstained." Motion carried 6 yes and 1 abstention.

g. 2021 Bomag Service Repair Estimate – R. Yelle said the 2021 Bomag went in for repairs and the cost for the repairs was in the amount of \$16,416.95. Since he considered it an emergency, and he has authority to approve the expenditure, R. Yelle asked that a motion be presented to approve the repair costs of the Bomag of \$16,416.95. D. Campana made a motion to approve the repairs on the 2021 Bomag in the amount of \$16,416.95. G. Adams supported. Motion approved unanimously.

h. MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement – Board Members indicated that the MERS Plan was not in their Board packets. R. Yelle said the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement will have to be tabled till the May meeting.

7. Reports

a. Financial Report – C. Magnuson provided the Board with a PowerPoint budget/financial update from July 2024 to February 2025. For the current year, actual and budget amounts were discussed on the Operating Revenue, Landfill Operations, Water Department, Recycling, Building and Facilities, Maintenance/Equipment, and Administration. Expenses Comparisons for 2024-2025 were also discussed in regard to Landfill Operations, Water Department, Recycling, Building/Facilities, Maintenance/Equipment, and Administration. Fund Balance Comparison for 2024-2025 was noted for the General Fund and Perpetual Care. An overview of the Debt Balances for 7/1/2023 and 8/1/2024 was also provided. MCSWMA's debt dropped approximately 1.7 million dollars. If the debt hadn't been paid down by the end of the year, Bond Payments for debt consolidation would have incurred an additional \$200,000.00 a year in interest.

b. Director Report – M. Stannard reported there were no grievances since the last meeting or recordable injuries. Landfill staff met with Rep. Karl Bohnak to discuss recycling and potential flow control. The Landfill is compliant with all EGLE regulations and requirements.

Tetra Tech has been processing submittals from Staab for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Staff have been meeting bi-weekly with the contractor and engineer on the project.

Construction of a new access road into the Landfill has been completed, and waste placement continues on the North slope of the Landfill.

Prices on plastics this month have increased, and other plastic prices have remained the same. OCC is the same, and paper prices are up.

There have been no additional moves to send recyclables to the Landfill by anyone as the communities are waiting for a Materials Management Plan to be formulated and implemented. The Landfill needs more materials. The Materials Management Plans are not due to be put into place until 2027.

A. Manning asked how the meeting went with Rep. Bohnak. M. Stannard said the meeting was good and interesting because Rep. Bohnak did not know the MRF was at the Landfill. After all, it points to the need for education and outreach to explain to people what is happening. Rep Bohnak was very cordial and open to what was discussed, so hopefully, he will be an ally for the Landfill. R. Yelle indicated he has a meeting with Rep. Bohnak's aide on April 29th as a follow-up on what was discussed.

G. Adams made a motion to approve the Director's Report. R. Antilla supported. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Attorney Report – B. Nordeen reported that there is no litigation involving the Landfill and spoke about the tasks he worked on and items that he is/will be working on, which were detailed in his written report to the Board Members. A. Manning commented that she never received the email that had the original 3-year Union contract to compare to the new Union contract B. Nordeen said he could send the final agreement and prior contract, but he does not have a signed copy of the Union agreement.

D. Campana asked what the BLP agreement is that attorney Nordeen is working on. B. Nordeen said the BLP wants to bring some fly ash to the Landfill that could also be beneficial to the Landfill. M. Stannard said the ash has some beneficial use, but testing needs to be done to verify that the ash is going to be beneficially reused. A. Manning said years ago, the Board voted on a special rate for handling fly ash and asked if this rate would need to be changed since it was probably lower than the tipping fees now.

M. Stannard said there was no rate listed for fly ash. R. Yelle said he would have to look into it.

D. Honch made a motion to accept the Attorney Report. D. Campana supported.
Motion passed unanimously.

c. Subcommittee Reports – None.

8. Public Comment: None.

9. Trustee Comments: G. Adam said he was concerned about MCSWMA having a different rate on the fly ash. A. Manning commented that last month she toured the MRF as part of her child's homeschool group and wanted to praise Josh Wales on doing a fantastic job. The parents were really impressed, and it was great to see when the equipment was turned off and to be able to hear what the tour guide was saying. She really enjoyed the tour.

10. Adjournment: R. Yelle adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Randall L. Yelle, Chairperson

Dennis Honch, Secretary

MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

Stockholder's Meeting

April 16, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

PLACE: Landfill Administration Complex
600 County Road NP
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MEMBERS PRESENT: In Person: Randall Yelle, Glenn Adams, Dave Campana, Robert Antilla, Dennis Honch, Amy Manning, and Helen Wilson. By Zoom; Joe Minelli

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EX OFFICIO: Mike Stannard (in person)

OTHERS: In Person: William T. Nordeen, Attorney; Beth Bonanni, Recording Secretary; Chris Magnuson, MCSWMA; Gary Wommer, Negaunee Township; Jim Belpedio, Champion Township; Richard Bohjanen, Chocolay Township; and Jo Foley, Michigan League of Women Voters. By Zoom: Scott Cambensy, City of Marquette.

1. Roll Call/Call to Order: R. Yelle called meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

2. Approval of Agenda: D. Honch made a motion to approve the Agenda. G. Adams supported. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Business: Other than the Annual Report, there was no other business to discuss.

5. Director's Report

a. Annual Report, Presentation & Comments – M. Stannard gave a presentation on the Landfill's past year. Items discussed in the presentation were safety, tonnage financials, tipping fee data, monitoring departmental expenses, evaluation of expenses affected by inflation and utilizing a fiscally responsible approach, monitoring recycling markets and adjusting fee structure with volatility of markets, grant funding received upon completion of project and meeting reporting protocols, financial strategy, year-end fund balances, financial projections, statistics and highlights, leachate, single stream recycling, glass, commodity markets, facility operations, Landfill operations, challenged and continued education, recycling operations, goals, and 2025 financial projections and tipping fees.

D. Campana made a motion to approve the Director's Annual Report. G. Adams supported. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment: G. Wommer asked that M. Stannard send his PowerPoint Director's Annual Report to him by email.

G. Wommer also asked if Delta County has to build a Wastewater Treatment facility. M. Stannard said no, because they are close enough to the city sewer, so the City of Escanaba wastewater treatment plant takes care of their leachate. G. Wommer asked if this includes even PFAS? M. Stannard said so far. B. Nordeen said the same thing with Alger County and Munising, the Landfill there discharges into their municipal sewer.

7. Adjournment. R. Yelle adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Randall L. Yelle, Chairperson

Dennis Honch, Secretary

US-41 Corridor Advisory Group

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Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

Bill Anderson - City of Ishpeming
 Vince Bevins – MDOT
 Ben Carrigan – MDOT
 Tony Carrick -Chocolay Township
 Dennis Collins- MDOT
 Alex Elsenheimer- MCRC
 Jim Finkbeiner – City of Marquette
 Chad Larsen - MSP

Jason McCarthy – Marquette Township
 Mary Myers- LSCP
 Betsy Neznanski – MDOT
 Erik Powers – Marquette Township
 Randy Ruppel- Ely Township
 Sean Siebert- MBLP
 Amy Stephens- Marquette County
 Rob Tervo – MDOT

1. **Safety Moment** – Falling on Ice - be mindful of the freeze thaw conditions, falling on ice is the leading cause of injury in older adults.

2. Minutes Review & Action Item Update

3. Agency Updates

- **MCRC**
 - CR 502 Alignment - clearing has been completed
 - CR 601 project – waiting on obligation for project
 - Wright Street project may be let in June
 - Cherry Creek Road – local letting in March or April, work will be from Fraco driveway to CR 480 – cold milling, curb and gutter and repaving.
- **City of Ishpeming**
 - New manager starts next Monday.
 - Kwik Trip starts work on the site on May 19.
- **LSCP**
 - Breakfast and Business meeting with City of Marquette and Marquette County Friday, March 28 – 7:30-9:00 am – see website for more information.
- **Chocolay Township**
 - Working to fill the manager's position, another round of interviews being held.

4. Construction Update

MDOT Update

- 2025 Projects
 - o Carpool lot at Carp River in the City of Marquette
 - o M28 Paver Placed surface seal from Alger County line to US41.

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- US41 Crush and Shape in Skandia
- M35 Overlay from County line to Little Lake
- M95 Overlay from LLK to PLK

5. Site Plan Review

- First Bank site - City of Marquette
- Utilizing existing driveways. No access management concerns from the group but will recommend that the internal easements line up with those drives.

Next Meeting – April 8, at Marquette Township Hall

Submitted by,
Betsy Neznanski
MDOT- Ishpeming TSC

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Ben Carrigan – MDOT

Nicholas Carter – Chocolay Township Police

Mark Daavettila – City of Negaunee

Alex Elsenheimer- MCRC

Jim Finkbeiner – City of Marquette

Alex Gill - MCSD

Justin Junttila - MDOT

Lowell Larson – MCSD

Nick Leach – Negaunee Township

Jason McCarthy – Marquette Township

Betsy Neznanski – MDOT

Tom Nolan - MSP

Sean Siebert- MBLP

Rob Tervo – MDOT

Dan Verlin - MSP

1. **Safety Moment** – Check your vehicles with changing weather conditions-keep your tires inflated, change over to summer tires.
2. **Minutes Review & Action Item Update**
3. **Safety Presentation – Justin Junttila**
Work Zone Safety Strategies
4. **Agency Updates**
 - **MCRC**
 - CR502/Pond Rd realignment and cul-de-sac – Oberstar was awarded the contract
 - Multi-use path – Wright Street by Discount Tire
 - Cherry Creek Road – milling and repaving – bids due next week
 - Bridge on Heritage drive has some detour signs placed on US-41.
 - **Chocolay Township Police**
 - New manager started last week - Greg Elliott.
 - Flooding on US41 in front of the fire department.
 - **Marquette County Sheriff**
 - Discussed usage of truck loons between Negaunee and Marquette. Concerned that it conflicts with the Michigan Vehicle Code, which states that vehicles must turn into the closest lane. Some commercial vehicles also turn into the loon then wait for a second gap to merge into traffic.
 - Discussed commercial vehicle use of roundabouts. Some use both lanes, have cited trucks as at fault in collisions. Suggested that the design of the roundabouts include a larger radius for trucks.

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- Pursuing grant for license plate readers, looking at locations where they could be installed.
- **City of Marquette Police**
- Inquired about traffic control for carpool lot on US41. Could be short right lane closure as entrance work is performed but minimal traffic impacts.
- Speed trailer – the City would like to place on M553, need to get right of way permit.

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 - o US-41 Crush and Shape in Skandia - clearing work has started.
 - o M-35 Overlay from County line to Little Lake
 - o M-95 Overlay from LLK to PLK

6. Site Plan Review

City of Marquette

Tribal Health Center – US-41/Front Street

Site plan includes removal of interconnection to the north with McCabe's flooring and attached businesses. No shared use plan in place for the development.

The corridor group recommends that the developer pursue interconnectivity of the site with adjacent property owners to reduce conflict points and confusion with motorists.

Next Meeting –May 13, via Microsoft Teams

Submitted by,
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March 12, 2025

Ronald Lauren, Clerk
Forsyth Township
186 W Flint St
Gwinn, MI 49841

Dear Mr. Ronald Lauren and the Forsyth Township Board:

Pursuant to Section 125.3307 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Forsyth Township Planning Commission forwarded a zoning text amendment to the Marquette County Planning Commission for review and comment. The following amendment was reviewed during our March 12, 2025 meeting.

AMENDMENT/ BACKGROUND

The Proposed zoning text amendments to Article III and Article VII are to include the addition of a definition and supplemental regulations regarding Campers.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

The proposed amendment to add the definition and regulation ordinance language relating to campers is consistent with other local zoning ordinances language. It appears that the supplemental regulations provide clear guidance on regulation and rules to ensure persons are not residing in a camper long term unless under specific circumstances with acquisition of necessary permits. The conditions of the ordinance amendment are concise and clear for the requirements of various situations.

COMMISSION ACTION

The Marquette County Planning Commission voted unanimously to support the amendment. Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposed zoning text amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob Struck'.

Bob Struck, Secretary
Marquette County Planning Commission
CC: Forsyth Township Planning Commission

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MARQUETTE COUNTY

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PERIOD ENDING 04/30/2025

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	END BALANCE 12/31/2024	2025		ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 04/30/25	YTD BALANCE 04/30/2025	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% BDGT USED
			ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025 AMENDED BUDGET				
Fund 101 - GENERAL								
Dept 701.000 - PLANNING								
CHARGES FOR SERV								
101-701.000-628.000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	770.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	711.00	(711.00)	100.00
CHARGES FOR SERV		770.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	711.00	(711.00)	100.00
OTHER INC								
101-701.000-675.000	CONTRIBUTIONS	5,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER INC		5,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PERSONNEL								
101-701.000-704.000	SALARY-REGULAR	167,610.78	178,000.00	178,000.00	14,816.39	60,795.40	117,204.60	34.15
101-701.000-705.000	SALARY-OVER TIME	235.61	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	28.00	972.00	2.80
101-701.000-706.000	SALARY-PART TIME	182.13	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
101-701.000-710.000	PER DIEM	1,600.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	200.00	2,300.00	8.00
101-701.000-715.000	SOCIAL SECURITY	9,784.76	11,400.00	11,400.00	885.55	3,626.97	7,773.03	31.82
101-701.000-715.001	MEDICARE TAX	2,288.15	2,700.00	2,700.00	207.08	848.22	1,851.78	31.42
101-701.000-716.000	HOSP/DENTAL/VISION	42,208.16	50,500.00	50,500.00	3,107.64	12,885.35	37,614.65	25.52
101-701.000-716.005	DISABILITY INSURANCE	169.89	200.00	200.00	14.96	56.97	143.03	28.49
101-701.000-717.000	LIFE INSURANCE	426.80	500.00	500.00	37.35	151.32	348.68	30.26
101-701.000-718.000	RETIREMENT	18,178.72	20,300.00	20,300.00	1,681.42	6,882.94	13,417.06	33.91
101-701.000-721.000	WORKERS COMPENSATION	498.19	600.00	600.00	46.77	192.34	407.66	32.06
PERSONNEL		(243,183.19)	(268,700.00)	(268,700.00)	(20,797.16)	(85,667.51)	(183,032.49)	31.88
SUPPLIES								
101-701.000-727.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,422.05	3,000.00	3,000.00	97.47	245.45	2,754.55	8.18
101-701.000-729.000	POSTAGE	332.99	200.00	200.00	0.00	320.69	(120.69)	160.35
101-701.000-731.000	COPY COSTS	1,416.73	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	463.79	736.21	38.65
101-701.000-736.000	BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	128.50	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
101-701.000-742.000	VEHICLE OPERATING EXP.	163.79	500.00	500.00	0.00	36.66	463.34	7.33
SUPPLIES		(4,464.06)	(5,050.00)	(5,050.00)	(97.47)	(1,066.59)	(3,983.41)	21.12
OTHER OPERATING EXP								
101-701.000-802.000	MEMBERSHIPS	754.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,331.00	169.00	88.73
101-701.000-810.000	PROF/CONTRACTUAL SERV.	4,678.44	0.00	0.00	(6,500.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-701.000-810.007	COMPUTER USE CHARGES	3,635.00	5,345.00	5,345.00	1,336.25	2,672.50	2,672.50	50.00
101-701.000-850.000	TELEPHONE	317.07	350.00	350.00	40.04	157.55	192.45	45.01
101-701.000-860.000	TRAVEL	3,068.28	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	247.44	2,752.56	8.25
101-701.000-865.000	INSERVICE TRAINING	1,700.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	1,432.50	1,567.50	47.75
101-701.000-901.000	ADVERTISING	694.10	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
101-701.000-935.000	VEHICLE REPAIRS	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
OTHER OPERATING EXP		(14,846.89)	(13,795.00)	(13,795.00)	5,123.71	(5,840.99)	(7,954.01)	42.34
Net - Dept 701.000 - PLANNING		(256,424.14)	(287,545.00)	(287,545.00)	(15,770.92)	(91,864.09)	(195,680.91)	



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To: Marquette County Planning Commission
From: Amy Stephens, Planner
Date: April 29, 2025
Re: Sands Township Text Amendment

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Section 125.3307 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Sands Township has submitted the proposed text amendment to the Marquette County Planning Commission for review and comment.

PROCEDURE

The Sands Township Planning Commission received a request to amend their zoning ordinance, and held a public hearing on April 15, 2025. The public hearing notification procedures complied with the Act. The Sands Township Planning Commission moved to approve the request and has sent the zoning amendment to the County Planning Commission for review and comment.

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

The proposed text amendment includes an addition of a third exemption to Article IX, Section 914 B Regulations, d. Exemptions in all Districts.

CURRENT

- d. Exemptions in all Districts
- i. Temporary fencing for gardens is exempt from this ordinance in all Districts.
 - ii. Active farms are exempt from Section 914.

PROPOSED

- iii. For a business established by Special Approval Permit, Planning Commission action is not required for fence requests. Fence requests shall be reviewed under Special Approval Permit requirements.

STAFF COMMENT

The addition of the third exemption under Article IX, Section 914 B Regulations, D. Exemptions in all Districts allows for the review of fence requests under Special Approval Permit to be handled during the initial review of the business applying for Special Approval, which will streamline the permitting and administrative review processes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Marquette County Planning Commission support the proposed text amendment and forward staff comments and any Commission comments to the Sands Township Board and Planning Commission.