

Houghton County Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

5th Floor Conference room, Courthouse

Tuesday December 16th , 2025 4:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 4:00
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call: Present: Steve Aho - chair, Timothy Sears – secretary, Joel Keranen – county commissioner, Mark Larson, John Larson, Jan Strieter Absent: Erik Kiilunen, Mike Erickson, Chelsea Rheault - county controller,
4. Agenda: Presented by Mike Erickson. Motion by T Sears , second by J Larson. All approved
5. Public Comments – none
6. Approval of minutes meeting August 19th, 2025. By J Larson, second by J Strieter. All approved
7. Correspondence: Adams township zoning clarification on recreation plan
Portage township zoning map amendment
8. Commissioners Reports. J Strieter – reported on rice Lake area cell tower placement. J Larson - discussed charter school with opening of high school in the airport area district.
9. Old Business: Recreation plan update - no new action reported
10. New Business.
 - a. Portage township zoning map amendment. Motion by J Larson, 2nd by M Larson. All approved.
 - b. Planning commission directory information/web site: Request correction and update by Jennifer Kelly
 - c. Planning commission service terms: Will seek corrections and update on web site
 - d. Planning commission purposed discussion: Members discussed the role importance of the planning commission and reviewed the bylaws
11. Next Meeting: Tuesday February 17th, 2025. 4:00 p.m
12. Adjournment: Motion by J Keranen, second J Larson. All Approved 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy T Sears -Secretary