

Minutes July 15, 2026

Members Present: Bill Carlblom, Jeff Bopp, Scott Legge, Mike Schwehr, Mike Bishop; **Also Present:** Jessica Jenrich, Jeff Erickson, Kardell Blumhardt, Terry Metzger, Cathy Metzger, David White, Evan Thostenson

Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwehr at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Carlblom, seconded by Legge to approve the June 11, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Justin Thornton for the creation of Thornton Acres subdivision and rezone to residential. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Carlblom, seconded by Bishop to approve the subdivision creation and rezone. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Terry Metzger for a Structure Setback Variance of 42' from center of subdivision road Lot 4 Block 2 Jewett's Beach Subdivision. No one appeared to protest. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger were present if there were any questions. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bishop, seconded by Carlblom to approve the variance as there is already other buildings in that subdivision that are closer than the proposed structure. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for James Noeske for a Tree Setback Variance of 40' from center of subdivision road Lot 9 and 39' from center of subdivision road lot 1 of outlot A, Lot 9 Ashtabula Lookout subdivision and Lot 1 of Outlot A. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bopp, seconded by Carlblom to approve the Variance requested as the other trees along that road are the same or closer. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for OtterTail Power Company for a Utility Setback Variance of 40' from the center of County Road 11 or 107th Ave SE. Mr. Blumhardt, Mr. White and Mr. Thostenson from OtterTail Power Company was present to answer questions regarding the project and they stated they are rerouting a line that was destroyed from the June 2025 storm and to reroute around. No one appeared to protest. Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Legge, seconded by Carlblom to approve as this needs to be done to get the electricity back up to full service. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW

Justin Thornton Shop/House Thornton Acres Subdivision, 03-140-58, Valley Township; Terry Metzger Storage Shed Lot 4 Block 2 Jewett's Beach 2nd

Sub, 22-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Tim Manke House/Garage Lot 2 Block 2 Ashtabula Lookout sub, 32-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Willy Marler - Garage/Shop(renewal) - SW1/4 less 2.51A R/W, 35-142-59, Rogers Township; James Quick Cold Storage SE1/4, 26-143-60, Laketown Township; Kyle Kjelland Pole Barn/Lean to Auditor Lot 1 of N1/2 SE1/4, 14-139-58, Marsh Township; Kyle Kjelland Pole Barn/Lean to Auditor Lot 1 of N1/2 SE1/4, 14-139-58, Marsh Township; Terry Metzger Gazebo Lot 14 Jewett's Beach Sub, 21&22-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Ryan Torbenson Shop 5.34 acres of NE1/4, 16-139-58, Marsh Township; Kody Amann Pole Building Auditor Lot 1 of N1/2 NE1/4, 06-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Richard McAllister Storage Building SE1/4, 34-138-58, Nelson Township; Leon Steidl Storage Building 5.23 acres of SE1/4, 28-139-56, Springvale Township

Motion by Carlblom, seconded by Bishop to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Jessica Jenrich, P&Z Administrator

(August 14, 2026)