

Charter Township of Port Huron Board

Regular Meeting Held June 1, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

3800 Lapeer Road, Port Huron, MI 48060

MINUTES

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

The pledge of allegiance stated.

Roll Call: Trustees Dudas, Pringle, Reno, Fulk, Treasurer Shonka, Clerk Davis, Supervisor Lewandowski

Absent: None

Special Guests: Residents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Pringle, supported by Fulk, to approve the May 28, 2026, Regular Board meeting minutes.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tim Niggemeyer introduced himself as the replacement to Ken Cummings at Tri-Hospital, commented on the Aug EMS milage renewal, provided an explanation of what the mileage has covered and produced to date.

Grace Russ – commented on 40th St Pond repairs and postings, Facebook postings, live meetings, social media sharing, generational gap, wage adjustments to attract employees, education.

Carol Miller – commented on live streaming, transparency of the EDA payment, presented a FOIA to Clerk Davis, microphone and podium use, email sent to the board re bridge to cemetery, overgrown trees in the cemetery, train bridge on 24th St, code enforcement issues, business networking group creation, interstate capital building, vacant property ideas.

Jessica 3730 Lapeer Rd Lot #8 – commented on invasive ornamental bittersweet not visible from the township cemetery side, vines on the fence, provided research, welcomed the township to her property to view damage being caused by the invasive bittersweet.

Cheryl McQuat – commented on desire to open the board meetings to change to an open forum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Proposal:

Motion by Reno supported by Dudas, to approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Proposal presented by Kazalav Planning in the amount estimated at \$6000.00

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

B. Approve Resolution No. 2026.06.01.A Resolution Opposing State Preemption of Local Zoning Authority Through the Proposed Housing Readiness Package:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026.06.01.A

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY
THROUGH THE PROPOSED HOUSING READINESS PACKAGE**

WHEREAS, St. Clair County Michigan municipalities are granted zoning and land use authority pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has historically recognized land use and zoning regulations are matters of local concern best addressed by local officials who understand their community and ensure public participation and consistency; and

WHEREAS, the proposed “Housing Readiness” legislative package preempts and limits local zoning authority and diminishes ability of local governments to respond to specific needs and development decisions; and

WHEREAS, preemption of local zoning authority circumvents the role of local officials and reduces the ability of local control to balance growth, infrastructure capacity, public safety services, environmental protections, fiscal responsibility and long-term planning goals of their communities; and

WHEREAS, preservation of local planning and zoning authority is essential, and many municipalities are actively addressing housing supply and affordability through master planning, zoning updates, and other efforts which require local discretions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would impose additional requirements for studies, documentation, and administrative processes related to site plan review, which may create unnecessary delays, increased costs for applicants and municipalities and function as unfunded mandates of local governments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Port Huron Board of Trustees formally opposes House Bills 5529 through 5532, as well as House Bills 5581 through 5585, and along with related proposed legislation, that preempts or limits local zoning and land use authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Port Huron Board of Trustees urges the Michigan Legislature to vote in opposition; and to instead support local control and work collaboratively with municipalities.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan, members of the Michigan Senate and members of the Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Municipal League, and appropriate legislative committees considering this legislation.

Resolution brought forth by Fulk and supported by Dudas.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fulk, Dudas, Pringle, Reno, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski

Nays: None

Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted this 1st day of June, 2026

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Port Huron, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of June, 2026, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said act.

Benita E. Davis, Township Clerk

C. Approve Resolution No. 2026.06.01.B Resolution to Establish Absent Voter Counting Boards:

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARDS
Port Huron Township, St. Clair County
Resolution No. 2026.06.01.B**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dudas, Pringle, Reno, Fulk, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

At a meeting of the Township Board of Port Huron Township, St Clair County, Michigan, held on June 1, 2026, the following Resolution was offered by Reno and seconded by Fulk.

WHEREAS, Section 168.765a of the Michigan Election Law, Public Act 116 of 1954, as amended, states that a township may decide to use absent voter counting boards, and;

WHEREAS, if a township decides to use absent voter counting boards, the board of election commissioners of that township must establish an absent voter counting board for each election day precinct in that township; and

WHEREAS, the board of election commissioners must appoint the election inspectors to those absent voter counting boards not less than 21 days or more than 40 days before the election at which they are to be used;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Port Huron Township Board does hereby authorize and require the establishment and appointment of absent voter counting boards by Port Huron Township's Election Commission under the terms of, and with the responsibilities dictated by, Michigan Election Law. Said requirement shall remain in effect unless or until the Township Board adopts a Resolution determining otherwise.

AYES: Reno, Fulk, Dudas, Pringle, Shonka, Davis, Lewandowski

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF ST CLAIR

I, Benita E. Davis, Clerk of Port Huron Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Port Huron Township Board and is on file in the records of this office.

Benita E. Davis, Port Huron Township Clerk

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Shonka, supported by Reno to approve payment of pre-paid bills:

Amount: \$73,571.05

Check #s: 56871 - 56880

Roll Call Vote: *Ayes: Shonka, Reno, Fulk, Pringle, Dudas, Davis, Lewandowski*

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

Motion by Shonka, supported by Pringle to approve payment of current bills:

Amount: \$202,976.71

Check #s: 56881 – 56916

Roll Call Vote: *Ayes: Shonka, Pringle, Dudas, Reno, Fulk, Davis, Lewandowski*

Nays: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Recreation Board will have the farmers market starting June 11, 4-7pm, Fishing Clinic will be Saturday June 13 11am – 2pm, concerts in the park at Bakersfield will take place June 19th and 20th. Summer Recreation in person registration will be June 19 and the program begins June 22. Museum will have 2nd annual open house on June 13 noon – 4pm.

The 24th St train bridge will be inspected in the upcoming week; Senator McLain's office is looking into assisting in discussions with CN Railroad.

The cemetery bridge has been looked at by the township engineers, it is structurally sound but they are looking into ways to improve or replace it.

The township will have an endowment fund with the Community Foundation; it is a challenge grant of \$25k. Supervisor Lewandowski committed the first \$1,000 to kick off the fundraising.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Fulk supported by Pringle to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion Carried

Robert G. Lewandowski, Jr., Supervisor

Benita E. Davis, Clerk