



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Members Present: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miresse, Larry Raikowski

Members Excused: Steve Cieslewicz

The Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Members Present: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz, James Yetter, Justin Isherwood

Staff Attending: Tim Reed, Christina Bradbury, Andrew Senderhauff, Tracy Arnold, Kristen Johnson, Chris Mrdutt, William Gau

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Portage County February Aquatic Services Highlights 2026

Reviewed by the committee.

PRESENTATIONS

REPORTS

2. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

Reviewed by the committee.

3. Planning & Zoning Year To Date Budget Report

Reviewed by the committee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

4. REQ-2026-004 - A request by Aaron Parks, agent for owner James Burns & Sons Farms Inc., to amend the Town of Almond Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designation of 5.729 acres out of 40 acres included in parcel 004210909-04.02 from L2 Intermediate Agriculture to L3 Limited Agriculture/Mixed Use; and to amend the zoning classification of the same area from A20 Primary Agricultural to A3 Low Density Agricultural.

Kristen Johnson, Planner, gave an overview of the request.

5. REQ-2026-005- A request by Scott Brown, owner, to amend the zoning classification of approximately 3 acres within a 40 acre parcel (016250628-06) from A1 Exclusive Agricultural to A4 General Agricultural.

Kristen Johnson, Planner, gave an overview of the request.

6. REQ-2026-006- A request by the Town of Grant to amend the Town of Grant Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map for 14 parcels.

Kristen Johnson, Planner, gave an overview of the request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Approval of February 24th, 2026 Minutes--Planning and Zoning Committee

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Larry Raikowski, to Approve the February 24, 2026 Minutes.

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to amend agenda item number 15 with the corrections to strike the motion to approve the Farmland Preservation Plan Letter Request Passed by the following vote for the Planning and Zoning Committee. Agenda item number 16 to include the motion made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr was taken by the Land and Water Conservation Committee. Agenda item number 16 to include the motion made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Vinnie Miressee to amend 7.2.6(3)(C) to read: "Any commercial, manufacturing and/or industrial use which requires POWTS" for the Planning and Zoning Committee. Agenda item number 16 to include the unanimous approval of the amendment for Planning and Zoning Committee.

A motion to approve the February 24, 2026 minutes as amended passed by the following vote:

4 yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miressee, Larry Raikowski

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

8. Approval of February 24th, 2026 Minutes--Land and Water Conservation Committee

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Steve Fritz to Approve the February 24, 2026 Minutes.

The Motion to Approve the February 24, 2026 minutes passed by the following vote:

6 yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz, James Yetter, Justin Isherwood

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

9. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee ONLY) REQ-2026-004: Parks Future Land Use Map Amendment and Rezoning—Town of Almond

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to Approve the Parks Future Land Use Map Amendment and Rezoning.

The Motion to Approve the Parks Future Land Use Map Amendment and Rezoning passed by the following vote:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miressee, Larry Riakowski

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

10. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee ONLY) REQ-2026-005: Brown Rezoning — Town of Eau Pleine

A motion was made by Larry Raikowski, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the Brown Rezoning.

The Motion to Approve the Brown Rezoning passed by the following vote:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miressee, Larry Riakowski

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

11. Discussion/Possible Action Re: (Planning and Zoning Committee ONLY) REQ-2026-006 Town of Grant Zoning Ordinance Amendment

A motion was made by Amberle Schwartz, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the Town of Grant Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

A motion to amend was made by Larry Raikowski to correct note 6 below Appendix A on page 47 to read as follows: Portage County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance requires 75 feet construction setback from navigable waterways.

A motion was made by Vinnie Miresse, seconded by Janell Wehr, to Approve the Town of Grant Zoning Ordinance Amendment as amended.

The Motion to Approve the Town of Grant Zoning Ordinance Amendment passed by the following vote:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miresse, Larry Riakowski

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

12. Discussion/Possible Action – Producer LED Grant Extension from 2025 to 2026 Budget Amendment (Planning and Zoning AND Land and Water Conservation Committee)

A motion was made by Janell Wehr, seconded by Amberle Schwartz, to Approve the Producer LED Grant Extension from 2025 to 2026 Budget Amendment.

The Motion to Approve the Producer LED Grant Extension from 2025 to 2026 Budget Amendment passed by the following vote for the Planning and Zoning Committee:

4 Yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Vinnie Miresse, Larry Riakowski

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

A motion was made by James Yetter, seconded by Justin Isherwood, to Approve the Producer LED Grant Extension from 2025 to 2026 Budget Amendment.

The Motion to Approve the Producer LED Grant Extension from 2025 to 2026 Budget Amendment passed by the following vote for the Land and Water Conservation Committee:

4 yes: Amberle Schwartz, Janell Wehr, Nancy Eggleston, Steve Fritz, James Yetter, Justin Isherwood

0 No: None

0 Abstain: None

13. Discussion/Possible Action — Wildlife Damage Budget Amendment 2025 to include Venison Donation Program (Planning and Zoning AND Land and Water Conservation Committee)

14. Discussion/Possible Action — Wildlife Damage Budget Amendment 2026 to include Venison Donation Program (Planning and Zoning AND Land and Water Conservation Committee)

NEXT MEETING DATE May 26, 2026, at 5:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

The Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm.

The Land and Water Conservation Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:37pm.