



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING AGENDA

ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

1. February 4, 2026, Advisory Committee Meeting Summary
2. Zoning Subcommittee meeting (**Completed Wednesday, March 4th**)
 - March 4, 2026, Zoning Subcommittee Meeting Summary
3. Subdivision Subcommittee meeting (**CANCELED**)
4. Stakeholder Interviews Summary
 - PowerPoint Presentation
5. Project Team Tasks
 - Draft Land Use Table
 - Land Use Definitions and Standards for Residential Uses

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, June 3, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

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Notice: Remote comment by the public during the meeting will be at the discretion of the Chair.

Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.

ZORAC Meeting Notes

February 4, 2026

Project Overview

- Meeting began with an overview from Orrin Sumwalt on the January Zoning / Subdivision subcommittee meetings.
 - Zoning Committee
 - Overview of Zoning Matrix and examples
 - Discussion on Conditional Use vs Special Exceptions
 - Discussion on clarify land uses with standards
- Overview of next steps
- Overview of today's meeting.

Legislative Updates

- Overview of 2025 Act 68 changes related to subdivisions
- Discussions on sections:
 - 236.105
 - 236.11(1)(d)
 - 236.13(2)(am)1.a
 - 236.13(2)(am)3.b
- Assembly Bill 365 overview of impact on ADU regulations
 - Discussion among committee members and its impact

Land Use Matrix and Definition Update

- Overview and discussion on Matrix Zoning vs Pyramidal Zoning
- Discussion and Examples of modern land uses tables
- Group discussion on examples of uses with standards.

Project website update

- Update on project website

Next meeting Date

- April 1, 2025

Zoning Subcommittee Meeting Notes

March 4, 2026

Land Use, Definitions, and District Structure Review

- Mark Lyons opened with discussion on reordering zoning districts for clarity.
- Group reviewed draft land use matrix and emphasized consistent definitions across code.
- Discussion on consolidation of agricultural districts (A2/A3) due to overlapping uses.
- Committee debated agricultural processing intensity (e.g., potato washing/packaging).
- Reviewed approaches to categorizing sportsman's clubs and outdoor intensive recreation.
- Reviewed separation of major vs. minor utility/institutional uses.
- Detailed discussion on campground categories: cabin, group camp, resort, and primitive parks.
- Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) identified as a high-demand topic requiring clear standards.
- Reviewed manufactured vs. mobile home requirements, including foundation expectations.
- Identified need for standards for solar facilities, data centers, and battery storage systems.

Next meeting Date

- May 6, 2026