Pierson Township Planning Commission
21156 W. Cannonsville Rd.
Pierson, MI 49339
Meeting Minutes
August 27,2026

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
   Present: Jeff Smith: Chairperson, Janet Moore: Vice Chair, Donna Ericksen: Secretary, Paul (Chip) Dunnebeck, Sheldon (Rick) Fahner, Caleb Sower
   Absent: Travis Workman
4. Agenda Approval: Motion Moore 2nd Dunnebeck All Aye
5. Approval of July Minutes: Motion Moore 2nd Dunnebeck All Aye
6. Moore made motion to make amendment that we close June minutes 2nd Ericksen All Aye
7. Public comment for items on agenda: none
8. Business Item
   a. Public Hearing-Marijuana Business: Open No comment, public hearing: Closed. Motion to adopt the recommendation to the Township board for the marihuana ordinance Fahner 2nd Sower All Aye
   b. Public Hearing for Junk Regulations: Open
      John Ericksen at 4490 Bass Lake Rd. Wondering where we got two ordinances from. Zoning ordinance, Police ordinance. Did we enter into contract with police? Hard to find ordinances. Maybe we need to find better way to do zoning.

      Norm Hawkins at 3035 Grand Ave. Received email from township supervisor. Went to Township website didn't find regular junk ordinance. Not readily apparent what it was. Would be nice to know what it says. Email also said that there was separate daft junk ordinance provided by the county to the township for consideration, that wasn't attached. Reinforcement policy starts with roadside inspection, if appears to be in violation property owner is sent a letter explaining the issue and given a copy of ordinance. How to do things in the township. How about instead of sending a letter, how about calling the person and saying there appears to be a violation here, let's talk about it. Let's see if we can do anything to help people clean up their property. Many don't have the means to do so.

Public hearing: Closed.
Motion to adopt amendment Sower 2nd Fahner Aye Sower, Fahner, Smith
Opposed Ericksen, Dunnebeck, Moore
Motion to table Dunnebeck 2nd Ericksen Aye Dunnebeck, Ericksen, Moore, Smith
Motion to table till next month Dunnebeck 2nd Ericksen All Aye Dunnebeck, Smith, Moore
Opposed Sower, Fahner

c. Bylaws: Smith recommends making change to first page section one membership past letter A an amendment be made, commission shall consist of seven members here and after called commissioners.
Moore motion to approve by laws as amended 2nd Ericksen All Aye
d. Agricultural Event Barns: Sower motion to adopt the proposed amendment that agricultural barns are only allowed in AG zoned district. 2nd Dunnebeck All Aye
e. Accessory Dwelling Units: Moore motions to approve the ADU ordinance that we have in place, recommend adoption to the board. 2nd Sower All Aye
f. Short Term Rentals: Sower motion to table discussion till next month 2nd Fahner All Aye
g. Amendment to Mini Warehouses in RR: Will be revisited
h. Data Centers: Table discussion on Data Centers till next month

9. Public Comment on any Matter:
Norm Hawkins: Encourage our township board to have our township attorney to vigorously defend our 5 to 2 decisions, denying the boat condo project. Concerned about closed door decision, then found out through a brief 48 hours later that township is rejecting our motion to intervene. Let's have courage. Record submitted by township attorney to the court on appeal that was supposed to be the record was inaccurate, was it caused by clerk not providing the record, or some other problem. Too much information left out.
A litigation advisory group could have prevented this.
Steven Schoenfeldt of 2439 Dagget Rd. Has no problem with short-term rentals.
Kevin Gilifillan of 2295 Center CT. should be able to find General Ordinance without a problem. Short term rentals there are good and bad things about them. Allow under certain guidelines. Don't say yes, don't say no. Say this is how to do it.
John Ericksen, Disappointed in the attorney that represents this township. If attorney don't want to represent the people of Pierson, maybe it's time to look for a new one.
10. Commission and Staff Comments: None
11. Adjourn: Motion Sower 2nd Dunnebeck All Aye 8:40