

Danby Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Wednesday April 15, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Danby Township Hall
13122 Charlotte Hwy
Sunfield, MI 48890

Meeting was called to Order at 7:03 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present—Russman, Shafer, Hendges, Dean
Absent—Bahr, Lufkin, Schroeder
In Attendance: Zoning Administrator Hoppes

Approval of Minutes: Shafer made motion to approve. Russman seconded with request to make correction to the spelling of “Ingraham. Motion carried.

Agenda: No discussion or public comments on agenda. Dean made motion to approve agenda; Schafer seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public in attendance; no public comment.

Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance Amendments:

- 1) Ordinance to Amend Danby Township Zoning Ordinance to Define and Regulate Shipping Containers for Accessory Storage Functions
 - a. Open at 7:06 p.m. No public in attendance.
 - b. Closed at 7:06 p.m.
 - c. Shafer made motion to approve the Amendment and refer to the Township Board for Adoption; Dean seconded.
Unanimously approved, motion carried.

- 2) Ordinance to Amend the Danby Township Zoning Ordinance to Revise and Clarify Regulations Concerning Adult Foster Care Group Homes and Group Day Care Homes for Children
 - a. Open at 7:09 p.m. No public in attendance.
 - b. Closed at 7:09 p.m.
 - c. The intent of this is to separate the two types to allow each to follow State regulations. Hoppes asked if there were any additional questions. Previous discussions covered that the original zoning caused confusion and were in conflict with current State regulations with child day cares having to follow adult foster care rules.
 - d. Dean made motion to approve the Amendment and refer to the Township Board for Adoption; Schafer seconded.
Unanimously approved, motion carried.

Business Item(s):

- 1) Discussion on memo provided by Horizon Community Planning (David Jirousek)
 - a. Request to Jirousek inquire about and research project bonding
 - b. Request for additional information for potential soil contamination and site runoff
 - c. Comments made that solar fields may cause increased infrared and reflective heat
- 2) Hedges made motion to table this discussion until more Commission members are in attendance, give more time for members to read on individually, and allow for responses from Horizon; Schafer seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Other Business/New Items/Discussion:

No Board meeting in April.

Board likely to approve both proposed Amendments in May

Next Planning Commission meeting August 19

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Schafer motioned to adjourn, Dean seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned 7:29 p.m.