

Pellston Planning Commission
JULY 07th, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Meeting brought to order by Doug and Roll Call began at 7:04PM.
2. Roll Call/Establish Quorum:

Douglas W. Craven, Chairman	PRESENT
Jim Gillett, Vice Chairman	PRESENT
Jackie Pilette, Secretary	PRESENT
Mark Givens, Commissioner	PRESENT
Mary Ocko, Commissioner	PRESENT
Steve Hall, Commissioner	PRESENT
Becky O’Neil, Commissioner	PRESENT
Randy Bricker, Commissioner/Zoning Admin.	PRESENT
3. Motion to adopt agenda:
Motion: Jim Second: Randy
Ayes: all; Nay: none. Motion carried.
4. Minutes: Motion to approve June 2025 minutes:
Motion: Randy Second: Steve
Ayes: all; Nay: none. Motion carried.
5. Zoning Administrator Report
 - a. New Permits issued/Updates:
 - i. Lot split request from Jerome Gable: request to make 2 lots out of 3 by splitting lot 5 and adding 1/2 of the split lot each to lots 4 and 6. Lot 5 is field staked and prepared for the 2-parcel lot split and surveyed description submitted to Commission.

Motion to accept lot split, and approve to forward to Village Council for approval:
Motion: Jim Second: Mark
Ayes: all; Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Zoning Administrators Report: Jim Second: Steve
Ayes: all; Nay: none. Motion carried.
6. New Business
 - a. None

7. Old Business

- a. Housing in Pellston Discussion/Partnership/East Village Plan – Heather Runyon will be at the August meeting.
- b. PFAS/Municipal Water System – public meeting June 4th at Pellston High School, presentations and booths, with DHHS, EGLE, MPART was well attended with a lot of questions from the community. Best case scenario timeline for water system to begin in 2031.
- c. Re-zone Industrial Park
 - i. Section 9.7 Public notice 15 days:
 - ii. Jim contacted Tremble (owner) who has interest in re-zoning, but owner is unable to get out of current agreement. Recommending to wait to start process until owner is able to get out of the agreement. Other options for property include looking into an ordinance for fee for solar, or rewriting a part of the Zoning Ordinance to prevent commercial solar.

Motion to send recommendation to Village Council:

Motion: Randy Second: Becky

Ayes: all; Nay: none. Motion carried.

- d. Sidewalks: Street funding this year mostly spent; 3 years to bring into compliance (started in 2025), look at again in 2026.

8. Follow Up Items:

- a. Trail Building: Bidding opened June 24th, 2 bids received – \$555,000, and \$246,000. State requires 3 bids, but Village will meet with State to take a look at and assist with process.
- b. Timber Pines PUD – no new communication.

9. Public Comment: Opened 7:56PM – questions raised about DDA and plans to promote the Village. Mark spoke about Little League and said that the events were a big success and he has received a lot of compliments on how great the town and fields look. One of the N Emmet Little League teams will be participating in a tournament downstate later this month.

10. Next Meeting: August 4th, 2025, 7PM

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:56PM

Motion: Randy Second: Becky

Ayes: all; Nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM.