Adams Township Planning Commission

September 16, 2026 meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance done

Roll Call:
Chairperson: Martha Dugdale Present
Secretary: Terry Parolini Absent
Member: Sherry Kinnunen Present
Member: Dan Coponen Present
Member: Gerry Heikkinen Present

Approval of Minutes: motion by Sherry K., seconded by Dan C. All ayes, motion passed

Guests: Charlie Liggettt

Public Comment: Charlie Liggett asked if there's been any progress towards working on a noise ordinance. At one point some board members thought there was an old ordinance on the books but there is not. He's been present and talked about his noise issue at both the township board and PC meetings now. He pointed out the section in the township's Zoning Ordinance 2022/02/01 that applies to noise. Under Section 2- General Provisions, Section 203: control of Heat, Glare, Fumes, Dust, Noise and Vibration. This section is not specific enough for enforcement, there would need to be decibel levels, time of day and other parameters included. Charlie L. cited Marquette Township's noise ordinance, it's pretty restrictive. And like the blight ordinance we're currently dealing with, enforcement is another can of worms. Gerry told him the board will continue to work with him on this issue.

Adams Township now has a data center moratorium in place. Our job on the planning commission is to use this time to figure out if such an entity has a suitable place here, and if so, to write zoning that will protect the community and our resources for the future. Martha provided copies of a sample township data center zoning ordinance provided by the Michigan Township Association. It would need to be altered to our specifications but gives us a starting point. Martha is continuing to research this issue, we'd like to be as restrictive as legally possible.

The Keweenaw Community Foundation is accepting applications for their fall grant cycle. The commission discussed possible asks/needs that might be eligible for these grants. It was decided to try to write for an upgrade to the

basketball courts next to the ice rink. They need resurfacing, could use new nets, and possibly a pickleball setup. Gerry and Martha are going to look into this.

The next meeting of the Adams Township Planning Commission is set for Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

Motion to adjourn by Dan C., seconded by Sherry K. All ayes, meeting adjourned at 6:40

Minutes submitted by Martha Dugdale, chairperson