

Adams Township Planning Commission

May 20, 2026 ATPC meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance done:

Roll Call:

Chairperson: Martha Dugdale Present

Secretary: Terry Parolini Present

Member: Gerry Heikkinen Present (New member)

Member: Sherry Kinnunen Present

Member: Dan Copanen Present

Guest: Charles Liggett

ATPC member Paul Eisler resigned from the committee. Adams Township Supervisor, Gerry Heikkinen is our new member, he was welcomed by the rest of the committee.

Members will serve staggered terms.

Terry Parolini and Gerry Heikkinen -3 yr term

Dan Copenen and Martha Dugdale- 2yr term

Sherry Kinnunen- 1 yr term

Pat Nettle Building officer will serve a 1 yr term.

Atlantic Mine Playground: New trash cans and sign will be placed at the playground, DNR requires signage of Normal Playground rules and code of conduct. Adams Township Trustee Diane Keranen will be ordering street signs for the township so will see if she is able to look into a playground sign.

There are new picnic tables there, there is thought of securing them with chains to prevent removal. Going to check with the insurance company regarding

cameras, possible money saving if installed. A local resident near the park keeps an eye on activity at the park.

Jeffers High Schools did a lot of work for the park, it was decided to provide a pizza party for them for their contribution.

Data Centers: Data Centers are a hot topic in Michigan right now. Martha stated she was looking into preparing a Moratorium. Martha has attended webinars and researched issues and concerns in regard to Data Centers. Guest, Charlie Liggett gave Martha a booklet from UofM- Local Gov should know about Data Centers It will be brought up at the next Township board meeting with Township attorney Kevin Mackey.

Martha informed us that Houghton County has announced that Adams Township is Zoned.

Gerry let us know that a Blight Ordinance will be discussed at the next township board meeting, there will be public discussion prior to the regular scheduled board meeting on June 8th at 6pm at Baltic hall.

The roof above the concession stand on the ice rink was repaired.

Ground has been broken at the site of the new Adams Township Firehall in Atlantic Mine. A grand opening will be planned upon completion.

Martha made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Sherry all ayes, meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. All ayes, 0 naves

The next scheduled ATPC meeting will be September 16th, 2026 at 6pm at the Baltic Hall. All are welcome.

Minutes prepared and submitted by ATPC Secretary : Therese (Terry) Parolini

