

Cato Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2025

The Cato Township Planning Commission met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at the Lakeview Community Center.

Meeting called to order:

Chairman Main called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Striker absent

Main expires 12-2025
Striker expires 12-2026
Behrenwald expires 11-2028
Cumings expires 12-2026
Rasmussen expires 12-2028

Others present:

5 members of public

Approval of Agenda:

Main motioned and Rasmussen supported to approve the meeting agenda as presented.
All in favor, motion carried

May 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Main motioned and Behrenwald supported to approve the May meeting minutes as presented.
All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment-Agenda Items Only:

Main opened public comment.
-None
Main closed public comment for agenda items.

Zoning Administrator Update:

June:

- Multiple Violations

Board Liaison Update:

Behrenwald reported on
-Home occupation within Lake Residential
-Tent Permit requirement
-Special use for Commercial
-Minimum house square footage within the Commercial District

Randy Mau Development Project

Mr. Mau Spoke to the commission and presented examples and a rough sketch of his proposed tiny home/duplex development on Fitzner Rd and M46.

Commissioners asked questions on the specifics of the project.

Old Business:

Short-term Rentals:

Commission continued to discuss what other local townships ordinances looked like and finished forming our own.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Daryl Johnson Cato TWP

- Expressed many concerns about the proposed project by Mr. Mau.
 - impacts with utilities to neighboring properties
 - issues with road frontage and MDOT
- Camping permits might want to be addressed at that meeting.

Frank Acosta

- Thanked the Planning Commission on the work for the ordinance on short term rentals.
- suggested adding a required visible fire extinguisher.
- asked about inspection for permit
- asked about fee's associated with the short term rental permit.
- when would the permit application be due?
- would there be a prorated fee for applicants that apply after January.

Next Meeting:

Next Regular meeting scheduled for September 10, 2025.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion was made by Rasmussen and supported by Cumings to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Recorded by:

Jacob Cumings

Commissioner, Cato Township Planning Commission