

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