

**BURT TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

The Burt Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Acting Chair Kathryn Parker on February 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Kathryn Parker

ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Parker, Carl Reimann, Jim Larson. Larry Kemper and Kim Kihnke excused, and Jay Jontz, absent.

ALSO ATTENDING: Craig Doeger, Greg and Julie Welch, Gene Hodulik-Supervisor, Carolyn Hodulik-Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Moved by Carl Reimann, supported by Kathryn Parker
MOTION APPROVED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Kathryn Parker, supported by Carl Reimann to approve the November 25, 2025 minutes as presented.

MOTION APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN: It was decided that while only 2 members of the Commission are present, the simplicity of the requested variance, documentation provided, the distance traveled from Cincinnati, and the support of Jim Larson, Zoning Administrator, was to continue the variance request..

PUBLIC HEARING: Jennifer Doerger of 120 E. Fountain Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45246 requests a variance for parcel #120-026-200-018-00 at 1553 Nipissing Trail, Indian River, MI 49749. The variance is to Ordinance 3.02.3 lakefront setback to construct a deck over an existing cement pad that is 35 feet from the high water mark.

MOTION: Moved by Kathryn Parker, supported by Carl Reimann to approve this variance for a non-conforming lot.. Reasons are that the setbacks are the same, safety will be greatly increased, will improve the neighborhood, and there were no objections from neighbors.

MOTION APPROVED

OTHER BUSINESS: None

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Jim Larson reported that it's been quiet except for a lighting issue on Nipissing Trail which is annoying the neighbors. Owner responded to Larson's letter and will turn it off.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Kathryn Parker reported that at the recent MTA meeting in Inverness Township, a new state law, effective in March, will allow 10 lots per 10 acre parcel instead of the now allowed 4. This will lead to mobile homes and small homes with multiple stories being built in the future. Proposed are new state laws that would change zoning and take away local control. Gene Hodulik, Supervisor, stated that the fire protection contract with Mullett Township has been extended for three years at the one mil level. There is a clause that will extend it to five years if the Burt Township voters approve the one mil renewal in 2028.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE: Jay Jontz was not in attendance but it was reported that the commission is working to finish the Master Plan at the March meeting.

SITE VISITS: Kathryn Parker one

ZBA MEMBER COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gene Hodulik said there will be a meeting with Tim MacArthur on March 10, 2026, at 1:30 pm with representatives regarding the P.A. Miller lake access license off of Sturgeon Bay Road. .

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Katie Parker, supported by Dennis Reimann to adjourn

MOTION APPROVED

MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Carolyn Hodulik
Recording Secretary

