

**BURT TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES
May 22, 2026**

The Burt Township Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Kim Kihnke, Chairman on May 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Kim Kihnke

ATTENDANCE: Kathryn Parker, Jay Jontz, Larry Kemper, and Kim Kihnke, Carl Reimann-excused

ALSO ATTENDING: Jim and Jamie Dennany, Max Boettger, Cheyenna Dennany, Craig Stanke, Jason and Lindsay Penberthy, Ken and Marti Barrow, Craig Stanke, John and Lisa Shampine, Michael and Alayna Langnas, Mike and Gail Hyland, Ray and Karyn Howd, Michael and Karen Hyland, Deb Springer, Ellen Fisher, Gale Konkel, Tim Chris, Barry Gies, Jim Larson-Zoning Administrator, Gene Hodulik-Supervisor, Tim MacArthur-Burt Township Attorney, and Carolyn Hodulik-Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Moved by Jay Jontz, supported by Larry Kemper.
MOTION APPROVED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2026, MEETING MINUTES
TABLED UNTIL THE JULY 24, 2026, MEETING**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OTHER BUSINESS: P.A. Miller Shared Waterfront Access License

Kim Kihnke read the minutes from the original approval granted April, 2017, which stated that the license was approved for 40 feet of dock and one mooring. The drawing on the September 9, 2016, license application had three moorings instead of one. Kihnke allowed some discussion regarding the three versus one mooring topic. Tim MacArthur, Burt Township attorney, stated that the written motion minutes from April, 2019, are accepted as law, and the ambiguity for the written approval of one versus three moorings on the diagram needs to be corrected. The method to accomplish this is for the Eagles Nest subdivision to resubmit a license application for the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider.

MOTION: Made by Kemper, supported by Jontz to table the P.A. Miller Shared Access License Application until the next meeting, July 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. to allow for further research.

MOTION APPROVED

REPORTS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Many phone calls recently.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Katie Parker had no report due to not being able to attend the last township meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE: Jay Jontz stated that the public hearing for the Master Plan will be the July 9, 2026, Planning Commission meeting.

SITE VISITS: one site visit by Kihnke, Jontz, and Kemper

ZBA MEMBERS COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: July 24, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A spirited discussion ensued between the Eagles Nest subdivision owners and the Sturgeon Bay subdivision owners. Eagles Nest subdivision owners presented a history of the P.A. Miller Shared Waterfront Access stressing their usage for many years prior to the issuance of the first license, having deeds showing 1/22 ownership, paying property taxes on this easement as well as maintaining the property. Sturgeon Bay property owners stated that three moorings in a 36 feet wide entrance are too many and could cause safety issues, and there should be no overnight moorings. Over time, people have left belongings such as kayaks and canoes at the site overnight and occasionally parked cars in the access. Sturgeon Bay questioned the need for the fence. At this point, Kihnke stated again that it is not up to the township to determine or settle ownership or property rights. This is between Eagles Nest subdivision and Sturgeon Bay subdivision. The ZBA will research both prior and post minutes regarding the P.A. Miller Shared Access.

The issue of the house on Eagles Nest that was destroyed by fire killing both residents was reported to be in probate court because of the lack of a will. The roof has recently collapsed. Someone volunteered to provide a contact person for more information.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Jontz, supported by Parker

MOTION APPROVED: Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

All concerned property owners continued to have a discussion in the township hall until 5:20 p.m. as well as out in the parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hodulik
Recording Secretary

