PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Erie Township Hall, Erie Michigan.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Bill Jacobs	Present
Dave Cousino	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Present
Robert Schwartz	Present
Manny Evola	Present

   Also present: Building and Zoning Official Mike Demski and Recording Secretary, Kimberly Cousino.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Dr. Guinn moved, supported by Robert Schwartz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Manny Evola moved, supported by Danny Taylor, to approve the meeting minutes from July 21 2026 as presented. Motion carried.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS**
   A. Public Comment:
   None.

   B. **Budget Report:**
   Robert Schwartz moved, supported by Dave Cousino to approve and place on file the budget report ending July 31, 2026. Motion carried.

   C. **Correspondence:**
   none.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Storage containers – committee update

Mike Daly and Faith Vignola from Spicer Group were present via Microsoft Teams meeting; reviewed a prepared summary of neighboring jurisdictions regulation of shipping/cargo containers. Erie Township's current regulation allows temporary use of the storage containers, up to 30 days, extensions may be permitted by the Zoning Administrator. Discussion was held.

Paul Perry moved, supported by Dave Cousino, to maintain the existing ordinance of storage containers. Motion carried; D. Taylor – yes, R. Schwartz – yes, B. Jacobs – yes, M. Evola – no, P. Perry – yes, D. Cousino – yes, Dr. Guinn – yes.

b. Data centers

Mike Daly and Faith Vignola from Spicer Group were present via Microsoft Teams meeting; they reviewed the draft zoning ordinance for the regulation of data centers and answered questions provided by the planning commission. After discussion, minor edits were suggested by Spicer Group, they will make modifications and supply a new draft by the end of the week. Discussions will continue at September meeting.

c. Changes to land division act

Mike Daly and Faith Vignola from Spicer Group were present via Microsoft Teams meeting; they will review the new act and Erie Township's current regulations. The current priority of the commission is the data center ordinance, this task will be next.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Rezoning request – LAC Real Estate Corp – Parcel 58-05-030-004-00

Michael Demski presented the commissioners with the request from LAC to rezone parcel 58-05-030-004-00 from Ag to Industrial, explained that a public hearing is required.

Keenan Fields, realtor representing LAC was present, he explained that the state approached the landowners about the Site Ready Program; currently there is no interested buyer or developer, re-zoning the property is part of the process to have a property readily available for future development. Discussion was held.

Manny Evola moved, supported by Paul Perry, to schedule the public hearing for the re-zoning request for LAC property 58-05-030-004-00, at the September 15, 2026 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Dobbs asked if the data center ordinance addresses sound level from a generator, Bill Jacobs responded that the 55-dba limit is for all sound emitted from the center, including generators.

Tim Leuck encouraged commissioners to visit the Marathon pump station on Samaria Rd., it is a low decibel sound, but it is constant.

Mike Demski said he has a variety of reading material from Michigan Association of Planners on various topics if any commissioners are interested in them.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Paul Perry moved, supported by Robert Schwartz to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Recording Secretary