

Minutes of the Regular Turtle River Township Zoning Board Meeting March 5, 2026

Members Present: Diane Falk, Ann Nistler, Jan Johnson, Sam Christenson

Others Attending: David Kloha, Larry Krantz

Diane Falk called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM in the absence of Kent Porter.

There were no new agenda items.

Jan Johnson read the minutes of the November 6, 2025 Zoning Meeting. Ann Nistler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sam Christenson. Carried.

Citizens Input: David Kloha indicated that some counties and citizens are looking for areas to put AI data mining facilities on. These facilities are generally in large warehouse type buildings and take a large amount of power and resources, are water cooled systems and are noisy. It might be possible to place regulations in the ordinance if these facilities can be restricted. David asked Kent Porter to contact Beltrami County Environmental Services to determine if regulations already exist in the county.

New Business:

Sam Christenson noted that the township map on the Turtle River Township website is incorrect and do not show the proper lakeshore management areas. The zoning districts for the township are correct; only the lakeshore management areas need to be included. Kent Porter is asked to contact the County GIS Department to make the corrections and send a digital copy to Nora Illes for inclusion on our website. The large maps that are displayed in the town hall are correct.

Sam also suggested we should have a seating arrangement more conducive for better communication.

The Zoning Board road tour will take place April 2nd following the regularly scheduled Zoning Meeting on that date.

Unfinished Business: A question had previously been asked on how to divide two lots into different size lots. This procedure is covered under the lot line adjustment section in the ordinance. Kent Porter is asked to follow up on this if further clarification is needed.

Jan Johnson read the land use permits issued by Beltrami County in Turtle River Township for the months November, December, January and February. There was one construction permit for a 36 x 38 detached garage with an 18' sunroom on Big Bass Lake. There was one permit for a septic system and two permits for placement of gravel.

Turn in compensation requests for the month of March to Nora Illies by March 31st. .

The next meeting for the Zoning Board will be on April 2, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

Ann Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Christenson. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Jan Johnson, Secretary