

Minutes of the Regular Turtle River Township Zoning Board Meeting April 2, 2026

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

Others Attending: David Kloha, Larry Krantz, Rod Jurkovski, Karin Snortland

Kent Porter called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and thanked Diane Falk for chairing the March 6th meeting.

There were no new agenda items.

Jan Johnson read the minutes of the March 6, 2026 Zoning Meeting. Sam Christenson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Diane Falk. Carried.

Citizens Input: David Kloha indicated that Ottertail Power Company is buying large tracts of land (400 acres primarily open pasture land) west of Bemidji in Eckles Township near the airport for a solar farm.

Unfinished Business:

Kent Porter distributed a page from the ordinance regarding lot division and asked Zoning members if a checklist would be helpful in the future and asked members to bring their ideas to the next Zoning meeting and review by the Board of Supervisors. Kent Porter will contact the Beltrami County GIS Department to make changes to the website township map showing proper shoreline management districts. There have been no formal discussions at the County level regarding AI. Kent will check with other townships to see if they have AI in their ordinances. The County has the subject of cannabis in their ordinance.

New Business: The Board of Supervisors has changed their meeting date to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM. The Zoning Board will change the date and time of their meetings starting in May to the 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning at 8:00 AM (May 19th). If land use permit applications come in prior to that date a meeting will be held to review the application(s) to expedite the process. Ann Nistler made a motion changing the date of the Zoning Meetings to the third Tuesday of the month at 8 AM beginning in May, seconded by Sam Christensen. Carried

Jan Johnson read the land use permits issued by Beltrami County in Turtle River Township for the month of March. There was one building permit for Norman Will, Parcel 48.00205.02, Long Lake for construction of a 32 x 40 storage building. There were no sanitary system or other permits issued.

Turn in compensation requests for the month of April to Nora Illies by April 30th.

The next meeting for the Zoning Board will be on May 19, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 AM.

The Zoning Board conducted their road tour following this meeting.

There were three locations which were visited:

(1) Steve Lalli, 12032 Lamon Road NE, Permit # 587. Garage and House. Partially completed. (Issued 10/9/2025)

(2) Jonathan Petrowski, 8181 Little Bass Lake Road, Permit # 585. 24 x 50 Garage. Completed.

(3) Keaton Nostdahl, 4131 Voyagers Ct NE, Permit # 586. 40 x 48 Garage. Completed.

Cleanup efforts at the former Collins property on Lamon Road were also noted.

Jan Johnson, Secretary