

Minutes of the Regular Turtle River Township Zoning Board Meeting June 16, 2026

Members Present: Kent Porter, Diane Falk, Jan Johnson

Others Attending: David Kloha, Larry Krantz, Rita Chamblin, Karin Snortland, Donna Zelinsky, Joe Waslaski

Kent Porter called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

New agenda item: Driveway Permits

Jan Johnson read the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Zoning Meeting. Diane Falk made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kent Porter. Carried.

New Business:

A. Approval of subdivision Form. Sam Christenson has developed an application form for minor Subdivisions. Kent will meet with Sam for final details. Approval of form to be discussed at later meeting.

B. Approval of LUP for Shawn Waling/Sherry Nelson-Waling, 8102 Haven Road NE, Bemidji, MN. Sam Christenson and Amy Nistler did a site inspection of the property as a land use permit had not been received and it was noticed that construction had begun. It was determined that the Waling property is made up of two long, narrow lots, Parcels 48.00818.00 and 48.00819.00 and the proposed structure was being placed in parts of both parcels and was out of compliance on setback requirements. Brent Rud of Beltrami County was contacted as part of these parcels is managed under lakeshore management and the other part is under township jurisdiction. The structure was being placed on the township portion of the parcels. Mr. Rud suggested that both parcels be combined to make one lot, and this process has been completed, although it will not show up online for some time. This solution would bring the land use permit into compliance. Kent Porter made a motion to approve the land use application, seconded by Diane Falk. All ayes. Carried.

C. Approval of land division at Gold Mine Ranch. Joe Waslaski/Kris Klasen, 8011 Birchmont Beach Road NE, Bemidji, Parcel 48.00275.01, presented an Application for a Minor Subdivision, dividing the current property of one parcel into three parcels. Parcel A is 5.57 acres with the house situated on this parcel. Parcel D is 10.14 acres with the large building and steel pole building situated on this lot. Parcel C is 5.40 acres and abuts Pincherry Road; there are no buildings on this parcel. An offer has been received on Parcel D to be used for storage only. The house parcel has been taken off the market as the other two lots need to be sold first. Murray Surveying has done the certified site surveys. The conditional use permit for the property will be discussed in the near future and possibly removed from the property. Kent Porter made a motion to approve the land division, seconded by Diane Falk. All ayes. Carried.

D. Update on variance wording in ordinance. Further discussion at a later date.

Driveway Permits: Rita Chamblin presented applications for new Access Roads/Driveway Permits. Applications have been approved for Ronald Koetter, 5200 Sherman Drive, for parcels 48.00396.00,

48.0049800 and 48.0050100. Application also approved for Banner Karger. Parcel 48.0686.00 (near Elliott Road). Application approved for Joe Waslaski, parcel 48.00275.01, (near Pincherry Drive).

Jan Johnson read the permits issued by Beltrami County in Turtle River Township. A permit was issued to Jane Brakner, 11120 Lamon Road, Parcel 48.00433.00, for a 24 x 24 ft garage. A permit was issued to Michael and Ruth Chock Trust, Parcel 48.00771.00, 114020 Reflection Point, for a 1700 square foot dwelling and a 676 square foot garage. A permit was issued to Michael Dufiore, 4575 Beach Lane, Parcel 48.00319.00, for a 24 x 26 seasonal storage building, There were two sanitary permits issued and one sand and gravel permit issued.

Chairman Kent Porter also handled several other issues and questions presented to him.

Turn in expense reimbursement forms to Nora Illies by the end of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 AM.

Jan Johnson, Secretary