

Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-November 5, 2025

1. **Call to order**-Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call-Present:** Reiter, Marshall, Schultz, Paquin, Tarchala, Cronenwett
Also Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning, and guests.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Cronenwett second by Marshall to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes-** Motion by Tarchala second by Marshall to approve the minutes of October 1, 2025 as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments on Items Not scheduled for Public Hearing**-none
6. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Special Land Use and Site Plan Amendment.**
Mattawan Landscape Supply requests a new 8,2224 square foot building on the property located at 26333 Red Arrow Highway, Mattawan, MI 49071 (Parcel 80-02-003-023-22)

Public Hearing-Chairman Paquin called the Public Hearing to order at 6:33 PM.

Applicant presented request for an additional building for storage of materials and additional parking at this site.

David Jirousek reviewed request as outlined in his memo of October 23, 2025.

There being no further public comment motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to close the Public Hearing at 6:40 PM

Consideration of A Special Land Use and Site Plan Amendment-Mattawan Landscape Supply

Commissioners discussed changes to be made.

Motion by Tarchala second by Reiter to recommend approval of Site Plan Amendment for Mattawan Landscape Supply with the following conditions:

1. Demonstrate compliance with 50% lot coverage maximum
2. Provide a compliant photometric plan and light fixture details for the parking area in accordance with Section 12.2
3. Demonstrate that existing and proposed parking is adequate for customers and employees.
4. Secure the following approvals prior to site development and building permitting:
 - a. Drain Commission (SESC permit, if applicable, and stormwater plan)
 - b. Road Commission (driveway permit)
 - c. Fire Department (access and maneuverability)

All voted in favor. Motion carried

7. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment.** Amendment to Table 12-14 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow ground and wall signs on agricultural properties.

Review by David Jirousek in regards to amending Table 12-4

Public Hearing-Chairman Paquin called the Public Hearing to order at 6:49 PM.
No Public Comment

Motion by Cronenwett second by Reiter to close the Public Hearing at 6:50 PM.

Motion by Cronenwett second by Marshall to amend Table 12-4 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow ground and wall signs on agricultural properties.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Noted by David Jirousek that this amendment will go to the Van Buren County Board for review.

8. **Zoning Discussion**-Solar energy systems and battery energy storage systems.
David Jirousek discussed with commissioners suggested changes and current requirements as outlined in his memo of October 23, 2025. Commissioners will further discuss and review at the December meeting.
9. **Additional Comments**
Tarchala discussed some road issues, thru the Van Buren County Road Commission on County Rd. 657

Gary DeBrian-issued raised in regards to large scale battery systems and safety complications

Other concerns raised were: liability for large scale fire/water issues. Making area townships/towns aware of safety issues, contacting local state representatives. Emergency response plan to respond to an emergency.
10. **Adjournment**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.
All voted in favor. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Denise M. Schultz, Secretary