

**Au Train Township, Planning Commission
Special Meeting**

Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 6:00pm

Au Train Township Hall - N7569 Spruce St – Au Train, MI 49806

MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Cadwell at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **ROLL CALL** – Members present: Vice Chair Jesse Cadwell, Secretary Alexandra Free, Member Wyatt Seaberg, Member John Carr. Excused: Chair Scott LaCombe

Others present: Zoning Administrator Donna Shields, Ryan Carrig of CUPPAD

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Carr, second by Free to approve agenda as presented. Motion Carried

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Carr, second by Cadwell to approve minutes of the May 14, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting as presented. Motion Carried

- **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES** – The Zimmanck hearing was discussed. With confirmation from Ryan Carrig of CUPPAD it was determined that the situation at hand with the parcel was not something that could be heard by the Planning Commission. While the Commission does hold the authority to be able to substitute one non-conforming use for another non-conforming use, in this situation there is no existing nonconformity, rather it is a violation. There is no record of proper building permits issued for the construction of the two cabins for which the use of resort is being abandoned. Alger County building records show permits were issued for two garages (1997 & 2000), not cabins and no record of final inspection. The hearing cannot be held, and will be cancelled. ZA Shields will make the proper notifications and try to set up a meeting with Zimmanck and Cilc to discuss the best way to try and clear the violation.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Comments were heard from Wyatt Seaberg

- **BOARD COMMENTS** – Comments were heard from John Carr

- **OLD BUSINESS** –

- a Continuation of Review of Zoning Ordinance Edits – Discussion continues defining what uses are permitted, conditionally permitted, and permitted accessory uses within the districts. The commission worked through the Lakeshore & Rivers One and Two, and part of the Timber Resource/Production districts.

- **NEW BUSINESS** – None

- **CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

- **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT** – None
- **BOARD COMMENT** – None
- **NEXT MEETING** – June 11,2026 at 6:00 pm. The commission also scheduled an additional zoning ordinance edits work session for July 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
- **ADJOURN** – Motion by Carr, second by Free to adjourn at 8:52pm. Motion Carried

Minutes submitted by: Donna Shields, Recording Secretary, to the Au Train Township Planning Commission

Approved: June 11, 2026

Signed: _____ on file _____
Donna Shields – Recording Secretary

Signed: _____ on file _____
Alexandra Free - Secretary