

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, October 12, 2026
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order by Chairman Mike Hall at 7:00 p.m. October 12, 2026, in the Quilt Inn meeting room with Supervisors David Thompson, Michael Sivertson, Luke Artz and Greg Mathwich along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle, and Clerk Glenore Gross. Ten visitors signed the register.

Minutes: September 14 & 24 Board minutes were approved as written and posted. **Treasurer Report:** Cash & Fund balances reported as \$762,580.71 with a request to pay bills totaling \$20,531.01 plus payment of \$2,525 from the Security First Checking for Assessment Certification duties. *MOTION by David to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills presented, 2nd by Michael. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim Kihle presented the following for board consideration:

- Tabled Request for Eric Berger/Westergard: Raise an older cabin that is 4' from the side lot line to put a foundation under and add a 16x20 addition to the cabin; Variance for the setback was signed by the adjacent owners with acknowledgement of the need for 15' minimum between structures. After examining the proposed project information, *MOTION by David to approve the Variance, 2nd by Luke. VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*
- Julie Timpe/Westergard – add a 16x20 addition above the existing garage, two decks with covered entryways plus a water-oriented storage shed; setbacks are adequate but Tim noted it results in 29.9% lot coverage.
- Rob & Holly Arnold/Solpers 1st – move a prebuilt 12x20 shed on back side of large lot, no bathroom facility.
- Tabled Request for Twin Oaks-Kringen: Install a marine gas station at Twin Oaks marina; was addressed and approved at the September 24 meeting.
- Tabled Request for Herbel/Shop Condo on Lot 17, Birchwood Heights 2nd Addn: Tim reported no new contact other than perhaps Herbel will pursue getting the covenants rescinded.

After discussion, *MOTION by Luke to approve the first three permits listed, 2nd by Greg. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Lake Metigoshe Improvement Association Potential Purchase of Tree Clearing Equipment:** Mike said it's still being looked at and noted the bike path was intended as LMIA responsibility; Michael shared a contact open to giving a bid. Todd Wyman was acknowledged for his clearing of branches with a vertical sickle mower.
2. **Request to Purchase Small Piece of 'Orphan' Land near Aspen Ave:** Appears to be platted as road, needs more research to determine ownership then check the ability to divide and sell it.
3. **Short Term Rental CUP – Committee Report/Board Discussion:** Luke and Vern Jacobson shared revisions made by the committee, some resulting from suggestions made at the public hearing to increase the allowed number and to pull back on monitoring. Luke mentioned a potential plan to have a website with the means to make anonymous comments or complaints, versus a phone call; a site receiving multiple complaints would indicate the need to be checked. The board will study the revised ordinance and address it at the November meeting.
4. **Building/Location Permit Revision-pdf online:** Mark is still working to find a usable option for having forms easily able to be filled out and sent from online.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Request to Discuss/Ask Questions on Signage and In-Home Businesses - Jim Bondly:** Bondly apologized for missing the last meeting and said he has now reviewed the ordinance information related to Conditional Use Permits and how it applies to his proposed in-home business for a photo studio/gallery; the board clarified the size allowed for an in-home business is limited to two square feet.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:45 pm.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Follow-up on County Sheriff/County Commissioner Input:** Mike stated having them at last month's meeting allowed them to know what the board was looking for; there has been no follow-up feedback.

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2. Road Issue Updates:

- **Cabin Roads:** No current issues.
- **Rural Roads:** The 16th Ave upgrade project is pretty well completed; spot gravelling has been done. Some work is planned to clear right of way near South Loon Lake related to snow issues.
Missing signs at Loon Lake: Greg checked a report of street signs missing for south Loon Lake which makes it difficult for some to locate those addresses, also construction personnel have ended up at south Loon Lake looking for the new developments at north Loon Lake and find that the road doesn't go through from there. Discussion included the need to check if the road at Thompson Cove was officially accepted by the county since it still shows as owned by Action Realty. David will have the county put up a green sign when the roadwork is completed. Greg said both north Loon Lake and south Loon Lake need marking.

3. Mowing: No report.

4. Pursue Land Availability from County for Possible Future Building: Mike said the county would be willing to give space in the VFW lot to the township large enough for up to a 40x40 shop. It could perhaps hold the street sweeper or other equipment in a cold storage area with an insulated back room set up for file storage. Board will look into bids; funding would be put in the 2028 budget.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

None presented.

> REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Zoning Maps are being prepared at Wold Engineering

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meetings: Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8.