

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, May 11, 2026
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order by Chairman Mike Hall at 7:05 p.m. May 11, 2026, in the Quilt Inn meeting room with Supervisors David Thompson, Luke Artz, Michael Sivertson and Greg Mathwich along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle and Clerk Glenore Gross. Nine visitors attended.

Minutes: April 13 Board minutes were approved as written and posted.

Treasurer Report: Cash/Fund balance \$789,537.11 with a request to pay bills totaling \$36,024.73.

MOTION by David to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills presented, 2nd by Luke. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim Kihle presented these permits, with most having been shared digitally with the board prior to the meeting; there were no variances to consider:

- Michael Hal/Oakshore – Shed 10x14.
- Troy Hill/rural Section 18 – 16x20 addition to dwelling.
- Sawmill Lumber – 40x60 addition to storage units.
- Matt Stevenson/Outlot 1 in Section 13 – 24x24 garage.
- Matthew Sund/Larson Addn Loon Lake – 28x48 dwelling on walkout basement.
- Kevin Herbel/Birchwd Hgts 2nd Addn – 40x60 storage shed.
- Ben Johnson/Butler’s 2nd Addn – 40x60 storage shed.
- Michael McMahon/Butler’s 2nd Addn – 40x60 storage shed.
- Jim Jorgenson/Squaw Pt Addn – 2-story dwelling plus garage.
- Sara Frantsvog/Burnetts 1st Addn – 10x16 shed.
- Jason Volk/Lake Metigoshe Park – Dwelling and garage.

MOTION by David to approve the above permits as discussed, 2nd by Greg, VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.

- DKJ Holdings/Larsons 2nd Addn Loon Lake – Request for a 60 x 156 storage building on a back lot, its use related to a plan for extensive gardening. Discussion centered on the applicable zoning of the lots for that size building with a misunderstanding of assessment terminology calling them commercial versus zoning district terminology. Not enough plat information was readily available to make a determination on the permit. *MOTION by Greg to table the request to the next meeting to confirm lot regulations; 2nd by Michael. VOTE-5 YES=CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Zoning iPad Set Up:** Tim sharing permits with the board was agreed to be a helpful addition for being prepared. He will continue fine-tuning the options. Board will use their own phones.
2. **Short Term Rental CUP – Application/Ordinance Publication/Hearing Date:** Clerk shared copies of the ordinance as approved for publication and its related Application, as well as copies of the minimal ordinance changes and revised condensed application as suggested by her last month as an alternate. Discussion included the need to have ‘teeth’ for regulating problems that can occur and questions on some wording. The ordinance is available on the website and will be printed in the Courant prior to the hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m. June 8.
3. **RV CUP Renewals – Mark K:** Mark reported receipt to date of 18 paid and 3 storage RV permits out of 104 on the list.
4. **Building/Location Permit Revision:** No report, still to be worked on.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Public Request to Discuss Wake Boats – Larry Bullinger:** Larry provided handouts related to the use

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of wake boats for the purpose of wake surfing and the problems that arise due to the waves they create and the action of jets stirring up the water and nutrients below. He related the history of Lake Metigoshe health from its polluted state in 1971 to its great health report in 1990, adding its currently declining depth level of about 20' maximum with average depth of 8.6' points to a potential return to a polluted state. A previous attempt to address the problem with the County Commissioners was unsuccessful, mainly related to the issue of enforcement. Larry said Gov. Armstrong and Senator Paul Thomas told him if the township put restrictions in our ordinance, it could then be enforced by State Game & Fish and/or Corps of Engineers. However, the township zoning authority relates to "land use" only. Mike requested that Larry pursue further information from Senator Thomas that would be more helpful in determining a solution.

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 8:25 pm.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Road Issue Updates:

- **Cabin Roads:** The No Parking signs will soon be put in where flags mark the sites. Gravel and grass seeding is needed in the back area of Rugby Pt. A beaver dam was taken out in the Birchwood area. The Mayo bid for Dockside and Birchwood area road projects came in on the low side so township portion should also be on the lower side. With Roadside Ranch needing attention, Mike said he will check with Wold Engineering and the county to pursue just having the adjacent owners agree to chip in an amount for road improvement at less than what the previous Road District had estimated.
- **Rural Roads:** David said gravel will be added where needed after road restrictions are lifted so it can be brought in as a full load.

- 2. New Mowing Employee:** Justin Peck, son of Rob, is lined up to be the mower. They have been doing maintenance on the tractor, also can provide storage as needed.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. Public Request to Close Off "Old Fritel Road" on Rugby Pt - Sue McGee:** Sue said she is on the road a few times a day and reported the partitions used to close off the old Burnetts Road are not kept in place which has caused safety issues. She also noted the 'road closed' signs are too small. A solution will be worked out where it is closed to the public but perhaps still available as Fritel's driveway and open to contractors.

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- In lieu of posting, the Workforce Safety and Insurance Certificate of Payment is noted here for the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meeting is June 8 at 6:00 pm with Public Hearing scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm. Then July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 at 7:00 p.m.