

Menominee County Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Menominee County Courthouse – Courtroom B

839 10th Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858

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AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call (Park, Anderson, Guffey, Kosewski, Lashmet, & Milbach)
- D. Approval of the Agenda
- E. Approval of the Previous Minutes (November 19, 2025)
- F. Public Comment (*Statements, not debate, limited to 5 minutes on agenda items only*)
- G. Business
 - Election of Officers
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - Secretary
 - 2026 Meeting Schedule
 - Menominee County Master Plan
 - Community Survey
 - Marquette County – Notice to Update Master Plan
 - Other Business
- H. Public Comment (*Limited to 5 Minutes*)
- I. Commissioner Comment
- J. Adjourn

MENOMINEE COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

November 19, 2025

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The Menominee County Planning Commission met on November 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM at the Menominee County Courthouse in Menominee, Michigan.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Kosewski at 5:30 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

III. Roll Call

Present: Park, Guffey, Kosewski, & Milbach. *Lashmet arrived at 5:33 PM.*

Excused: Anderson & Suchovsky.

Absent:

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Guffey, seconded by Milbach to approve the agenda. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. Approval of Previous Minutes (October 8, 2025)

Motion made by Park, seconded by Milbach to approve the previous meeting minutes from October 8, 2025. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Business

A. *Menominee County Master Plan – Community Survey*

Ryan Carrig from CUPPAD discussed the draft community survey that he provided and was included in the agenda packet. A good rule of thumb is to try to keep the survey between 20-25 questions max. The Planning Commission discussed other information/data that they felt would be beneficial to collect through the survey. The tentative plan is to finalize the survey template at the next meeting on December 17, 2025 – this gives everyone a month to consider other questions they would like to see on the survey. Planning Commission members are to send any additional questions they would like considered to be part of the survey to Administrator Carviou by December 10, 2025 – he will send these questions out in the next agenda packet.

The Planning Commission will also discuss the when/where/how of distributing the community survey at the December 17, 2025 meeting.

B. *Other Business*

The Planning Commission did not discuss any other business.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Park – updated the Planning Commission on the passing of Warren Suchovsky, Chairman of the Menominee County Planning Commission. Warren was a wealth of knowledge and had unparalleled expertise in this arena – he is going to be greatly missed. Administrator Carviou will purchase a card to have the Planning Commission members sign at the next meeting and will send it to the family.

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Park, seconded by Lashmet to adjourn. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Menominee County Planning Commission is requesting public participation in a survey as part of the development of the Menominee County Master Plan. The Planning Commission is a public body responsible for guiding land use and capital improvements at the county level. A Master Plan identifies opportunities and issues to guide goals for future community development and land use.

Your voice matters! Public input is important to the Master Plan process and the results of this survey will be incorporated into the final plan. The Planning Commission invites county residents and others who work, live, or play in Menominee County to complete the survey and offer their feedback. Responses will only be reported in group format without identifying information. Meetings of the County Planning Commission are posted on the and invites the public to attend these meetings to learn more about the work of the Planning Commission and the role of the Master Plan.

The following questions will allow the Planning Commission to compare responses to US Census information. Your responses do not include identifying information and will be presented in aggregate.

1. What City, Township, or Village do you live in?

2. What is your age group?

- Under 18
- 18-29
- 30-44
- 45-64
- 65+

3. How long have you lived in Menominee County?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 - 5 years
- 6 - 10 years
- More than 10 years
- Lifelong resident
- Part-time resident (less than six months per year)
- Visitor who stays in the county irregularly
- Employed in the County, but live somewhere else

4. How long do you plan to reside in Menominee County?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 - 5 years
- Until life circumstances change
- I have no plans to leave

5. If you work, where are you employed?

- I'm retired
- I'm in school
- I work remotely from my home
- I work in the same city/township where I live
- I work in a different city/township in Menominee County from where I live
- I work in another Upper Peninsula county
- I work somewhere else
- I'm unemployed, but looking for work
- I'm not currently employed (homemaker, disabled, between jobs, etc.)

6. If you have children under 18 living in your home, what type of school do they currently attend? (please check all that apply)

- My child/children is/are not old enough for school
- My child/children is/are in pre-school or day care
- My child/children is/are enrolled in public school
- My child/children is/are enrolled in a Career Technical Education or Early College program
- My child/children is/are enrolled in a Special Needs program
- My child/children is/are enrolled in a private school
- My child/children is/are homeschooled
- None of the above

The following questions will ask about your household and housing situation.

7. How would you describe your current housing situation?

- Homeowner
- Renter
- Live at home with family
- Have another arrangement (in-home care provider, work-provided housing, congregant living)
- Homeless or in transitional housing

8. How would you describe your ideal housing situation?

- I enjoy my current home and have no plans to move
- I would move to a/another single family house
- I would move to an/another apartment or condominium
- I would move to a/another housing alternative (mother-in-law unit, assisted living facility, etc.)
- Other (please specify)

9. What type of home do you currently live in?

- Single family house
- Duplex
- Multi-family complex or apartments
- Condominium
- Manufactured home community
- Other (please specify)

10. Thinking about housing where you live, to what degree do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
There is an appropriate mix of housing options for residents in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is additional housing needed in Menominee County, but not in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

People are having difficulty finding acceptable housing in my community that they can afford

My current home has the appropriate conditions to allow me to occupy it into old age

Most homes in my community are modern and appear to be well maintained

Additional subdivisions of single-family homes may be an appropriate option for my community

Smaller duplexes or triplexes would be preferable over larger housing developments

Additional senior or universally-designed housing is needed in my community

Additional multi-family apartments or condominiums may be an appropriate option for my community

Accessory residential housing (mother-in-law cottages, tiny homes, garage apartments) would be useful and desirable

Residences used for short-term rentals have been a positive use of housing in my community

Short-term rentals should have appropriate regulations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of occupants and surrounding residents

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The following questions will ask how you think Menominee County should focus its attention and resources.

11. Thinking about the area in Menominee County where you live, please indicate your priority for the following uses or issues. If you have no basis or experience upon which to judge, please indicate "Do not know"

	Higher priority	Lower priority	Not a priority	No opinion	Don't know
Maintaining or rehabilitating roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to high-speed internet service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased recreational opportunities for residents and visitors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More walking/bicycling trails connecting various areas and communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability and participation in recycling, hazardous waste, and other waste collection programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coordination between local leaders on shared issues and projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preparing for and responding to emergency events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing access to healthcare and support services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public access to Lake Michigan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public access to inland lakes and rivers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of watersheds and wells from pollution or contamination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connecting people to alternative modes of transportation (airport, ride service, public transit, walking/biking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

paths)

Protection of the shoreline from erosion or high-water hazards

Attracting people to Menominee County

Attracting businesses to Menominee County

Preserving farms and agricultural lands

Redeveloping blighted or underutilized properties to promote new development

Increasing access to home-based alternative energy sources

Regulating utility scale alternative energy options with appropriate conditions

Providing additional resources for drug enforcement and rehabilitation programs

Increasing support for senior services (housing, meals, activities, transportation)

Expanding public transportation options and services

Increasing options for and availability of childcare services

Managing forested land responsibly, protecting the natural beauty and economic value of timberland.

The following questions will ask about the strengths and weaknesses that may be present in Menominee County.

12. What issue(s) do you think will have the greatest impact on the County and its residents?
(check all that apply)

- Access to healthcare and social services
- Access to healthy and locally-produced foods
- Access to services (retail, professionals, homecare, childcare)
- Access to housing options
- Access to the internet or cellular service
- Access to emergency services
- Access to educational or social opportunities for children
- Access to transportation options
- Conservation of natural resources
- Infrastructure failures
- Mental health and community wellness
- Cost of energy
- Loss of population
- Workforce retention and attraction
- Blight or degradation of existing structures or infrastructure
- Environmental contamination
- Natural hazards (flooding, wildfires, extreme weather events)
- Tourism
- Other (please specify)

13. What do you love about living in Menominee County?

14. What change would you like to see in Menominee County?

15. Is there anything else you would like to add that was not addressed by the questions? If you would also like to expand on any of your previous responses, please do so here.

Jason Carviou

From: Don Park <donparkdds@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 7, 2025 11:58 PM
To: Jason Carviou
Subject: Survey Questions

Hi Jason!

These are some Master Plan Survey potential questions.
Hopefully these are not too late.

1. If you are a young professional (25–40) currently living in Menominee County, how likely are you to stay here for the next 5–10 years?

(Multiple choice: Very likely | Somewhat likely | Neutral | Somewhat unlikely | Very unlikely — I plan to leave)

→ Follow-up: Biggest reasons you'd stay OR leave? (Check all: Job opportunities | Housing costs | Schools/childcare | Outdoor recreation | Dining/entertainment | Sense of community | Other)

2. How important are each of these in making Menominee County attractive to young professionals like you (or your peers)?

(Rate 1–5: 1 = Not important, 5 = Deal-breaker)

- High-speed broadband/reliable internet for remote work
- Affordable modern housing (townhomes, apartments, starter homes under \$300k)
- More professional networking/social events (like expanding the Wave YP group)
- Co-working spaces or remote-work hubs
- Better dining/nightlife/cultural options
- Quality schools and childcare
- Outdoor recreation trails, events, waterfront activities
- Local job opportunities in growing fields (healthcare, tech, manufacturing, renewables)

3. Open-ended: If you know young professionals who left Menominee (or chose not to move here), what were their top 2–3 reasons? What one or two changes would bring people like them back?

4. Open-ended: What is the #1 thing that would make you excited to have a new nice restaurant in Menominee and keep your family's dining dollars local?

5. How often do you currently travel outside Menominee County (e.g., to Green Bay) specifically for a nicer dinner because the options here don't meet your needs?

6. What workforce training programs should Menominee prioritize?

(Multiple choice: Trade skills (e.g., manufacturing, renewables); Digital literacy/remote work; Healthcare certifications; Entrepreneurship courses; None needed)

7. On a scale of 1-5, how satisfied are you with housing options in Menominee County?

8. What would make Menominee more attractive for new residents (e.g., young professionals, retirees)?

(Multiple choice: Lower property taxes; More diverse housing types; Community events/festivals; Remote work hubs; Other)

9. Menominee County has lost population every year for the last 30 years. One way to bring in new tax revenue without raising your taxes is to allow more housing and small business development. How willing would you be to update county ordinances to make this easier?"

Very willing Somewhat willing Neutral Somewhat opposed Strongly opposed

Thanks!

Don

Sent from my iPhone

- 1) Are you an elected government official of a township, village, or city in Menominee County?
- 2) How many months out of the year do you reside in Menominee County?
- 3) The Michigan Department of Natural Resources owns approximately 98,335 acres or roughly 14.7% of the total land area in Menominee County. Is this:
 - a. Way too much
 - b. A bit too much
 - c. About right
 - d. A bit too little
 - e. Way too little
 - f. Not Sure
- 4) When considering the amount of land in Menominee County that is open to public recreation, would you say there is:
 - a. Way too much
 - b. A bit too much
 - c. About right
 - d. A bit too little
 - e. Way too little
 - f. Not Sure
- 5) How likely would you be to support a proposal to implement county-wide zoning:
 - a. Very Supportive
 - b. Somewhat Supportive
 - c. Somewhat Against
 - d. Very against
 - e. Not Sure



County of Marquette

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TO: Local Units of Government, Tribal Governments, Public Utility Companies, Railroad Companies, Public Transportation Agencies, School Districts

FROM: Marquette County Planning Commission

RE: Notice to update a Master Plan

DATE: November 17, 2025

Marquette County is updating its Master Plan and requests your participation in the planning process.

In accordance with MCL 125.3839 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, the intent of this correspondence is to notify municipalities within and contiguous to Marquette County, tribal governments, public utility and railroad companies, the regional planning commission, public transportation agencies, counties contiguous to Marquette County, and any other related entity that has requested notice of our "Intent to Plan." Marquette County welcomes your cooperation and comments.

Please visit www.mqtcoplan.org to find information about the master planning process as well as a link to a community survey.

It is the intent of Marquette County to submit future correspondence by electronic mail. If you object to electronic correspondence, please send notification to the address below.

County of Marquette, Resource Management
Attn: Planning Staff
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Marquette, MI 49855

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November 17, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please help us make the transition to electronic correspondence easier! You can help us update our contact info by filling out and returning this form to jchapman@mqtco.org. Please cross out any incorrect info and write in the correction.

Organization:	Menominee County Planning Commission
Position: (if applicable)	
Term Expiry: (if applicable)	
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Address:	839 10th Avenue Menominee, MI 49858
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Please check a box:

- Looks good, no changes!
- Please make changes as indicated.

Thank you in advance!

Jenifer Chapman, Office Manager

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