

Menominee County Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, February 23, 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 (January 26, 2026)
- F. Public Comment (*Statements, not debate, limited to 5 minutes on agenda items only*)
- G. Business
 - Menominee County Master Plan
 - Community Survey – Final Review & Approval
 - Community Survey – Distribution Methods
 - Other Business
- H. Public Comment (*Limited to 5 Minutes*)
- I. Commissioner Comment
- J. Adjourn

MENOMINEE COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

January 26, 2026

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The Menominee County Planning Commission met on January 26, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Menominee County Courthouse in Menominee, Michigan.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Administrator Carviou at 5:31 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

III. Roll Call

Present: Anderson, Guffey, Kosewski, Lashmet, Milbach, & Park.

Excused: None.

Absent: None.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Kosewski, seconded by Lashmet to approve the agenda. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. Approval of Previous Minutes (November 19, 2025)

Motion made by Kosewski, seconded by Guffey to approve the previous meeting minutes from November 19, 2025. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Business

A. *Election of Officers*

1. Nominations for Chair: Kosewski.

Motion made by Park, seconded by Anderson to elect Kosewski as Chair of the Menominee County Planning Commission. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Nominations for Vice - Chair: Anderson.

Motion made by Park, seconded by Milbach to elect Anderson as Vice - Chair of the Menominee County Planning Commission. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Nominations for Secretary: Milbach.

Motion made by Park, seconded by Lashmet to elect Milbach as Secretary of the Menominee County Planning Commission. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. *2026 Meeting Schedule*

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Guffey to schedule regular meetings of the Menominee County Planning Commission on the last Monday of each month to be held at 5:30 PM at the Menominee County Courthouse. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. *Menominee County Master Plan – Community Survey*

The Planning Commission discussed adding additional questions submitted by Commissioner Park and Administrator Carviou to the survey template. Ryan Carrig from CUPPAD provided some advice on wording for the questions. Ryan will format the question appropriately and present the final draft of the survey for review and approval at the next meeting.

The objective of the next meeting will be to approve the community survey for distribution and to decide how to distribute it to the community.

D. *Marquette County – Notice to Update Master Plan*

Ryan Carrig explained that adjoining jurisdictions are notified three times when a master plan is being updated: at the beginning, when the draft plan is complete, and just prior to the public hearing. This notice from Marquette County is just to inform Menominee

County that they are starting work on updating their plan. He believes their timeline is about a year. Once Marquette County sends notice that the final draft is ready, the Planning Commission will want to review it and decide if they want to make any comments at the public hearing.

E. Other Business

The Planning Commission did not discuss any other business.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Commissioner Comment

None

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Guffey, seconded by Milbach to adjourn. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MEETING ADJOURNED

Menominee County Master Plan Survey

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 County website and the Commission invites the public to attend these meetings to learn more about the work of the Planning Commission and the role of the Master Plan.

Menominee County Master Plan Survey

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

2. Are you an elected official of a local government in Menominee County?

- Yes
 No

3. What is your age group?

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

4. 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

5. How likely are you to continue to live in Menominee County for the next 5-10 years?

- Very likely to stay
- Somewhat likely to stay
- Depends on the circumstances
- Somewhat likely to leave
- Very likely to leave

6. Depending on how you responded to the previous question, what might be the biggest reason you would stay or leave?

7. If you know someone who left Menominee County (or chose not to move here), what was their reasoning? What change might have made them more likely to stay?

8. 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 in Wisconsin
- I work somewhere else
- I'm unemployed, but looking for work
- I'm not currently employed (homemaker, disabled, between jobs, etc.)

9. 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

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10. 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

11. 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)

12. 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)

13. 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My current home has the appropriate conditions to allow me to occupy it into old age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most homes in my community are modern and appear to be well maintained	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional subdivisions of single-family homes may be an appropriate option for my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smaller duplexes or triplexes would be preferable over larger housing developments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Additional senior or universally-designed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

housing is needed in my community

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

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

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

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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.

14. 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)

15. 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 Green Bay shoreline	<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 paths)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of the shoreline from erosion or high-water hazards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting natural assets from large scale resource extraction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attracting people to live in Menominee County	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attracting businesses to Menominee County	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserving farms and agricultural lands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Redeveloping blighted or underutilized properties to promote new development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing access to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

home-based alternative energy sources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regulating utility scale alternative energy options with appropriate conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing additional resources for drug enforcement and rehabilitation programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing support for senior services (housing, meals, activities, transportation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding public transportation options and services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing options for and availability of childcare services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Managing forested land responsibly, protecting the natural beauty and economic value of timberland.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. When considering that Michigan Department of Natural Resources owns approximately 98,000 acres, or 15% of the land area of Menominee County ([DNR Parcel Viewer](#)), is this:

- Way too much
- A bit too much
- About right
- A bit too little
- Way too little
- Not Sure

17. When considering the amount of land in Menominee County that is open to public recreation (state and commercial forest lands, municipal parks and playgrounds, beaches, and other facilities), is this:

- Way too much
- A bit too much
- About right
- A bit too little
- Way too little
- Not sure

18. How important are each of the following for Menominee County to attract and retain residents? (check all that apply)

- High-speed internet access for home or remote working
- Affordable housing (apartments, townhomes, starter homes matched to the area's income)
- Professional networking/social events connecting people and business leaders
- Social networking events connecting common lifestyles and interests
- Co-working spaces or remote work hubs
- More dining, events, or social spaces
- Access to childcare options or schools
- Secondary educational opportunities (community colleges or universities)
- Outdoor recreation trails, water access, events
- Support for job training and availability in growing fields (healthcare, technology, manufacturing, energy)

Other (please specify)

19. How often and for what reason(s) do you currently travel outside of Menominee County because the options here do not meet your needs?

20. What types of businesses, services, or recreational opportunities in Menominee County would influence you to support them as opposed to seeking them elsewhere?

21. Would you support using additional county funding to market to and attract new visitors, residents, and businesses to Menominee County?

- Yes
- Neutral
- No

22. How supportive would you be of an effort to increase coordination between local units of government on economic development, planning and zoning matters in Menominee County?

- Very supportive
- Somewhat supportive
- Neutral
- Somewhat against
- Very against
- I would need more information to decide

Menominee County Master Plan Survey

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

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

25. 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.