

Millington Township Planning Commission
August 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Chairman E. Maschke. Roll call indicated G. Cook, D. Pletcher and R. Bearss II. Chairman A. Zavitz absent, excused. Also present were ZA T. Deanzer and 10 guests.

Motioned by Cook, seconded by Pletcher to approve the meeting agenda. All voted yes, motion carried.

Motion by Cook, second by Pletcher to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. All voted yes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Bob Worth 9100 Sheridan Rd. noted that he had been part of the Township boards starting in 2008. During his time the AR setback has always been 20 feet. Bob also expressed concern with the 20 foot setback is too much.

Scott Jensen 3710 Barns Rd. noted that he has an existing barn built in 1997 that had a 10 foot setback. When he wanted to add on in-line he couldn't due to the setback requirements being changed to 20 feet. He asked for an explanation as to why the change was made. He thinks the change was made in 2007.

New Business:

1. None

Old Business:

1. Review ordinance amendment 14.11 Prohibited Structures. The next step on this item is to schedule a Public Meeting. This will be done during the action items.
2. Review of ordinance amendments(s) that Wade Trim has provided.
 - a. 5.03 Pertaining to Quarrying Materials. The PC reviewed the excel file summary with 7/28/26 feedback from Adam Young. The PC identified the changes that are needed.
 - b. 14.06 Pertaining to Signs. The PC reviewed the excel file summary with 7/28/26 feedback from Adam Young. The PC identified the changes that are needed.
3. Review Section 12.02 setback review of 20 feet vs. 10 feet. Per direction from the last PC meeting, Maschke had contacted Adam Young from Wade Trim to get reasoning as to why the setback was changed to 20 feet for the AR district in 2008. Adam Young's feedback was Wade Trim wasn't involved with the creation of the 2008 Zoning Ordinance creation. Maschke also shared with the PC the setbacks for 7 neighboring townships. The setback ranged from 8 to 50 foot. The 50 foot was for Arbela Township A-1 Agricultural Zoning District (not Residential). The PC consensus is to change back to the 10 foot setback. Next step(s) is to draft and amendment and have a Public Hearing.

Zoning Administrator Report:

The reports were reviewed.

Second Public Comments(s):

Bob Worth 9100 Sheridan Rd. questioned how the 90 day time limit for signs would work. If a sign is up for 90 days, removed for 1 day and replaced, is this allowed? Questioned on how to handle signs on power pulls. He also wanted to confirm that the PC is going to address both the rear and side setbacks.

Steve Ley 7600 Osborn Dr. noted that he has been concerned about the signs for a long time. There are a lot of political signs that are out there right by the road for 90 days. There is a Christian sign out by a mailbox that has been there for a long time.

He also has concerns about the setback changes made to the LR district.

Emory Close 7649 Osborn Dr. noted that the board should go back and figure out why the setbacks were changed prior to changing them.

Action Items:

1. 14.11 Prohibited Structures.

Motioned by Cook, seconded by Bearss to set the date for changing 14.11 prohibited structures to October 12, 2026. Vote: Cook-Yes, Bearss-Yes, Maschke-Yes, and Pletcher-Abstained, motion carried.

2. Ordinance amendment(s) that Wade Trim has provided.

- a. 5.03 Pertaining to Quarrying Materials. Motioned by Maschke, seconded by Cook that Maschke contact Adam Young and have the existing amendment updated with the wording that the PC agreed to earlier in tonight's meeting. Vote: Pletcher-Yes, Maschke-Yes, Bearss-Yes, and Cook-Yes, motion carried.
- b. 14.06 Pertaining to Signs. Motioned by Maschke, seconded by Cook that Maschke contact Adam Young and have the existing amendment updated with the wording that the PC agreed to earlier in tonight's meeting. Vote: Cook-Yes, Bearss-Yes, Maschke-Yes, and Pletcher-Yes, motion carried.
- c. Section 12.02 setback 20 feet vs. 10 feet. Motioned by Maschke, seconded by Pletcher that the Board / Maschke draft the ordinance amendment to change the setback for the AR district side and rear to 10 foot. Vote: Pletcher-Yes, Cook-Yes, Bearss-Yes, and Maschke-Yes, motion carried.

Motioned by Maschke, seconded by Cook to schedule the Public Meeting for October 12, 2026, for the 12.02 setback Ordinance Amendment. Vote: Bearss-Yes, Maschke-Yes, Pletcher-Yes, and Cook-Yes, motion carried.

Township Board and Other Reports:

Township Board: Cook noted that the public hearing for the PC members charges has been scheduled for August 25, 2026. Also, the Supervisor has not appointed anyone to the PC.

Next Planning Commission meeting will be September 14, 2026.

Motion by Cook, second by Maschke to adjourn. All voted yes. Adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Maschke, Acting Secretary

Alvin Zavitz, Chairman