

Corwith Township Planning Commission Minutes

November 24, 2025 Meeting, Township Hall 6:00 PM

Meeting Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Judi Jarecki called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

Roll Call: Jim Neeley ✓ Maureen Charbonneau ✓ Others present:
 Judi Jarecki ✓ Richard Millington ✓ None
 Tom Kellogg ✓

Approval of October 27, 2025 Minutes: Neeley motioned to approve the October Minutes. Millington seconded, motion carried by all present.

Correspondence: NEMCOG Notice of Intent to Update the Master Plan for Montmorency County. Jarecki commented that there should be some Ordinance language changes that will be sent out soon. Additional Ordinance language is proposed to address battery / energy storage systems. Neeley commented that large energy storage systems tied into the existing electrical network would certainly stress the network, which isn't ready for them.

Public Comment: None

Planning Commission Items:

1. Township Planning Commission (TPC):

- a) Coordination with Village, Local Business initiative, other: The 2026 "Business Expo" was discussed with Dr. Dave Harwood at a meeting on November 17th. Harwood, Neeley, Kellogg and others decided to have the Expo on April 11, 2026, from 10AM to 3PM. The next Expo planning meeting will be February 24, 2026 at 5 PM at Vanderbilt School.
- b) Master Plan: Language needs to be added to point to published documents on transportation policy, housing needs, and future land use. The Future Land Use map will need updating. Housing needs were discussed per the Otsego County Housing Task Force meeting on November 5th, and a housing action plan for Grand Traverse/Traverse City- a copy of which was provided by Charbonneau.

2. Review Otsego County Land Use Services (OCLUS) documents as necessary; make a

recommendation There were no current OCLUS documents to review at this meeting. Battery Storage System ordinance language should be on the way to townships now.

Riparian setback issues are also being discussed with the Soil Conservation Service and County Planning Commission.

3. Other community issues/activities: There is an event at which to meet the new OCEA Director on December 15th, 5:30 PM at the "Crave" restaurant in Gaylord.

4. Update on Otsego County Planning Commission (OCPC) and Parks and Recreation:

OCPC: The OCPC discussed the County Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Housing issues included a need to change some areas to higher-density housing and smaller lot sizes, which could help ease costs of home ownership.

Parks and Rec: There were discussions that included the CIP and recreational equipment. There may be a need for replacement scoreboard equipment for basketball games. New basketball groups have been formed. Plans are moving forward with the Otsego Lake Park electrical improvements. The reservation system for the County Park needs to be improved and updated, so that reserved camp sites are not being held while they are not being used. Also, some campers reserve all the lake front sites to the exclusion of other campers.

Comment: none

Adjourn: 7:43 PM. The next scheduled meeting is at 6 pm on 01/26/2026