

Cross Village Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2026

Time: 1:05 pm to 2:01 pm

Location: Cross Village Community Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

2. Members Present

- **In Person:** Linda Rosalik, Donna Wood, Edy Stoughton, Mary Rappin, Debbie Hindle, Tammy Doernenburgh.
- Absent: Chris Smolak and Tori Larabell appointed in Julie Miller's place.

3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda, all members present approved the agenda.

4. Approval of the Previous Minutes: All members present approved the previous minutes.

5. Discussion of the last meeting's housing questions: The issues that arose from the last meeting were followed up in terms of Emmet County's position on Short Term Rentals and the need to create some sort of Short-Term Rental Policy for Cross Village Township. Planning Commission made a request to the County for Housing Data and access to the Consultant's report on findings from the Emmet County Master Plan Housing Survey. Tammy Doernenburgh pointed out that anyone can access the DRAFT report on the County Website.

6. Cross Village Township Master Plan – Progress Report

Feedback was given by Edy Stoughton – who shared her section on the need for coastal management and the community's interest to preserve the coastal integrity and critical dunes. She explained that people are confused about the regulations. Tammy Doernenburgh stated that the county commissioned a 20-year study comparing the difference in the last 20 years of erosion in Cross Village Township. There are also EGLE and Tip of the Mitt resources for residents.

Mary Rapin gave an overview of her section then suggested that in the spirit of Emergency Preparedness that the township designate emergency meeting points for both water and fire emergencies. Stephanie Marchbanks heads hazard mitigation Emergency Planning with the Township Board of Trustees and other major actors. MSU Extension in conjunction with Harbor Inc. can facilitate these types of meetings and proposes to hold one in September.

Debbie Hindle noted that she added a Monarch butterfly section as well as the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve mentioned previously by Emily Proctor. She noted her

intent to add the Dark Sky Park including Wilderness State Park and noted there should be something about light pollution in the Master Plan.

Linda Rosalik noted she was following up with the tax assessor about residential properties in Cross Village Township and that she has been working on the demographic tables based on census data.

7. **Leadership Training** – MSU Extension along with Harbor Inc. plans to hold another leadership training centered around Emergency Preparedness in September.
8. **Agrotourism** – Edy spoke to various small farm holdings and suggested that we highlight our farm community network as part of our rural tourism appeal in the Master Plan. It was suggested to create a small holder community map highlighting the various small holders in the Cross Village Township and adjoining communities.
9. **Follow up:** Tammy will provide data for housing and community grants. Suggested topics for future forums include housing, short term rentals and emergency planning.
10. **Adjournment** – With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 pm. The next meeting will be on August 17 at 1:00 pm.

Planning Committee Members

- **Linda Rosalik**
- **Chris Smolak**
- **Mary Rapin**
- **Debbie Hindle**
- **Edy Stoughton**
- **Donna Wood**
- **Tori Larabell**
- **Emily Proctor**
- **Tammy Doernenburgh**