

**Hamilton Township
Planning Commission Minutes of 1-7-2026**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Kelly Bennett and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call Attendance:

Present: Kelly Bennett, Marsha McKee and Linda Barkell

Absent: Jesse Fritz and Mike Conway

Guests: 3, 1 citizen, Charles Brennan and Bill Simpson

Staff Present: Melissa Townsend, Zoning Administrator

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda reviewed by all present and motion by McKee and 2nd by Barkell to accept the agenda as written. We will change the order of the agenda to accommodate Mr. Brennan from the Mafia Haunted Trail and Bill Simpson from the Clare County Road Commission. All in Favor, M/C.

Approval of the minutes: Minutes of the regular PC meeting of 10-1-2025 reviewed and motion by McKee and 2nd by Barkell to accept the minutes as written. All in Favor, M/C. Minutes for the Public Hearing for adoption of the Park Plan were reviewed by all and motion by Barkell and 2nd by McKee to accept the minutes as written. All in Favor, M/C.

Public Comments: none

Zoning Administrators report: Melissa has a letter to send to a resident with a no permit building on their lot. She received a phone call from a land owner who owns the northeast corner of Ivan St and Townline Lake Rd and looking to build 3 tiny homes on the lot. Scrap tire apps will be worked on in January. Permits are down right now.

New Business: Mafia Haunted Trail: Mr. Brennan attended the meeting with information for some additions and improvements to the business. Parking is an issue. He needs more parking and is currently having his land surveyed to see if he can capture more property along the existing parking lot. He will be adding some new additions. He will be adding some new trails, a tunnel with netting for walking through, an elevated train station platform for people to enter the hay wagons, a Ghost Town façade approximate 12 ft by 60 ft and 4 sheds. He will keep us updated. Member reps will remain the same and Code of Conduct sheets signed and in the cabinet.

Old Business: none

Adjournment: Motion by McKee to adjourn and 2nd by Barkell at 7:23 PM. All in Favor, M/C,

Next Regular Meeting will be Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Linda Barkell Secretary