

**HEATH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**March 2026**

The Heath Township Planning Commission met on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Members Present:     Don Wickstra  
                              BJ Nykamp  
                              Hilda Boerman  
                              Randy Poll  
                              Michael Stork

Also present was Greg Ransford, Planner and Lori Castello from PCI.

The meeting was called to order by Wickstra. A motion from Stork supported by Boerman to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2025 meeting. Vote taken and unanimously approved. Nykamp abstained from voting.

**ITEM 1**

Motion from Poll with support from Stork to nominate the officers as follows: Wickstra as Chair, Stork as Vice Chair and Boerman as Secretary. All members accepted their nominations. Vote taken. 5-0. Motion carried.

The Board welcomed new member BJ Nykamp.

**ITEM 2**

Request from Chad VanSoelen for final approval of Phase 3 of the Planned Unit Development of Riverwalk Meadows. Wickstra opened the floor for public comment. Chad explained the plans for this phase would be single family homes. Chad presented the master deed. Chad indicated that the plans are in full compliance with the Township Ordinances and the PUD agreement with the development. Wickstra closed the floor. The Board questioned Chad on the barns for each home and material that will be allowed to be used, on sewer piping to the barns, on maximum barn size, on the gate at the drive going away when project is done, plans on traffic having to drive through phase 1 and phase 2. Discussion among the board that no lighting and no landscape is needed. PCI confirmed that driveways in Heath Township is 1 drive off a public road is allowed. Motion from Stork with support from Boerman to recommend approval of the request as submitted based on site plan adhering to zoning and subject to Township Attorney approval of master deed. Vote taken. 5-0. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3**

Greg presented the proposed Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance to define a Shipping Container and permit to use as an accessory building. Wickstra opened the floor for public comment. No public comment. Wickstra closed the floor. Motion from Poll with support from Nykamp to recommend this Ordinance to the Township Board. Vote taken, motion carried.

**ITEM 4**

Discussion among the board about looking at Heath Township's Master Plan. Heath Township was noticed that Fillmore Township is updated their Master Plan.

Next meeting will be June 25, 2026. Annual Report will be discussed at this time. Revisions to Chapter 24 will be presented at his time.

Motion by Poll with support from Boerman and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Missy Harvey

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