

**CASNOVIA TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

245 S. Canada Rd.  
Casnovia, MI 49318

Township Hall Meeting Room  
26<sup>th</sup> day, February 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – at 7:01 pm
2. ROLL CALL  
Present: Ron Swanson, Randy VanderHoff, Jason Jorgensen, Nels Nyblad, Craig Montgomery  
Absent: Jeanette Mansfield, David VerSluis  
  
Also present was Planner Andrea Goodell
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Motion Jorgensen, Support VanderHoff Voice Vote: Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED December 9, 2025  
Motion: VanderHoff, Support Jorgensen Voice Vote: Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried.
5. PUBLIC HEARING:  
Motion to open public hearing at 7:04 pm Voice Vote: Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried.
  - AES special use permit request for MET tower at 16280 Laketon Ave.
    - Anna Liebowiz from AES spoke about the proposed tower
    - It will be used to collect 3 years of wind dataMotion to close public hearing at 7:07 pm by Jorgensen, support from Montgomery

The following motion to recommend approval was made by Swanson, support from Montgomery Voice Vote: Aye – 5, Nay – 0. Motion carried

Motion to recommend approval of the special land use permit and site plan for a temporary 198-foot meteorological tower and associated LiDAR equipment at 16280 Laketon Avenue as presented, which includes:

- Special Land Use Permit Application Package—dated October 7, 2025, revised February 5, 2026
- Site Plan
  - Equipment Photos and Diagrams
  - Recorded Memorandum of Wind Energy Option and Lease and Easement Agreement
- Engineering statement of opinion concerning the effects upon communication devices due to construction of a meteorological tower in Casnovia Township—dated January 16, 2026
- Tower and equipment photos—submitted January 17, 2026

- 60m-and-50m-XHD-TallTower-Manual.pdf—submitted February 5, 2026, including
  - Appendix K: Structural Analysis (Page 147)
  - Equipment Photos and Diagrams
  - Materials for individual parts and installation equipment listed throughout
- FAA pre-screening tool—submitted February 5, 2026
- Temporary Meteorological Tower Examples submitted—February 5, 2026
- Meteorological Equipment Information: Required Details for Site Identification and Emergency Contact—submitted February 12, 2026
- Fencing Security MET (photo examples)—submitted February 12, 2026

Subject to the following conditions:

- The MET tower shall not exceed 198 feet in height
- The tower shall be removed within three (3) years of installation unless an extension is approved by the Township.
- Decommissioning shall occur within 30 days of the testing period conclusion and shall restore the site to its prior condition.
- The applicant shall enter into a finalized Host Agreement with the Township prior to issuance of any zoning or building permits.
- The applicant shall fund and maintain a decommissioning escrow account in the amount of \$10,000.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- 2025 Annual Report of the Casnovia Township Planning Commission
  - Motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report by Jorgensen, support from VanderHoff

7. OLD BUSINESS: None

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Swanson asked about updating our zoning to include wording about Data Centers. The Planning Commission requested to have Andrea draft a Data Center moratorium for the next meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm. Motion to adjourn made by VanderHoff, Support Montgomery

**Next meeting: 7:00 pm March 26, 2026**

**Planning Commission Members:**

Nels Nyblad, Chairperson  
 Jeannette Mansfield, Vice-Chairperson  
 Ron Swanson – Secretary  
 David VerSluis

Jason Jorgensen (Board Rep)  
 Craig Montgomery  
 Randy VanderHoff

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