

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
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FILLMORE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
February 2, 2026, 7pm Quarterly Meeting

1. **Call to Order.**
Chairman Mike Dozeman called the meeting to order at 7 pm, introduced the Planning Commission, opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call.**
Members Present: Mike Dozeman, Fred Van Tubergen and David Brink, quorum declared.
Members Absent with notice: Rod VanGelder, Chuck Schaap.
Public Attendance: GFD Chief Doug DenBleyker, Township Supervisor John Jonker, Lori Castello AICP and Mark Geurink and Randy TenBrink, Harald Kronemeyer and Emma Styf-VanOss.
3. **Adoption of Agenda.**
Chairman Mike Dozeman gave opportunity for any additions to the agenda. None presented.
4. **Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes – December 1, 2025.**
Upon review of December 1, 2025, minutes as presented;
A Motion was made by Fred VanTubergen and 2nd by Mike Dozeman to approve these minutes as presented.
PASSED 3-0.
5. **Opportunity for Public Comment.**
None presented.
6. **New Business – Public Hearing.**
 - a. Mike Dozeman read the Public Notice as it recently appeared in the Holland Sentinel. A request from Harald Kronemeyer property owner at 5824 141st Ave., parcel # 0306-019-042-00 to rezone the approximately 6.34 acres from current A-2 Agricultural to R-1 Residential.
A Motion was brought by Fred VanTubergen and 2nd by David Brink to open the Public Hearing.
PASSED 3-0.
No one spoke in favor or opposition to the request.
A Motion by Fred VanTubergen and 2nd by David Brink to close the Public Hearing.
PASSED 3-0.
Lori Castello AICP had a memorandum available to the Planning Commission members dated January 30, 2026, presented an opinion and worksheet regarding the request.
The opinion is presented as 4 questions/answers.
 - a. Would a rezoning constitute spot zoning?
 - b. Is the existing infrastructure supporting this parcel adequate to support the proposed zoning?
 - c. What is the character of the surrounding area, both existing and planned?
 - d. How would each of the uses permitted by right and special use within the proposed zoning district impact surrounding areas?In general, the requested zoning will not negatively affect the surrounding properties, since it is currently wooded and not used for agricultural production, adjacent areas already include residential as well as commercial uses, and the infrastructure is adequate to support residential.
A Motion was brought by Fred VanTubergen and 2nd by Mike Dozeman to recommend to the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees that the zoning of this parcel be changed from A-2 to R-1.
PASSED 3-0.

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7. Old Business.

a. Review draft of updated Fillmore Township zoning map. Lori Castello presented the 4 current zoning map with all previous corrections completed, now ready to be posted on the Township website.

b. Master and Future Land Use Plan. Lori Castello reported 169 survey responses to date. The survey notice was mailed to all township residents in late December 2025. Responses were by answering multiple questions on-line.

The next step Lori Castello is taking will be to notify all adjacent townships and municipalities of Fillmore Townships' plan to update the Master Land Use Plan, giving opportunity for each to comment. A community workshop will be held to give opportunity for in-person questions and comments.

U.S. Census data will be made available including comparisons to adjacent townships and municipalities, demographics and historic population changes. The workshop is tentatively set for April 13, 2026, at 7pm.

8. Public notice publication.

Planning Commission discussed changing what papers to publish public notices. Common consent of the Planning Commission is to use the Allegan County News instead of the Holland Sentinel.

9. Next meeting.

The next meeting of the Fillmore Township Planning Commission will be May 4, 2026, at 7pm.

10. Adjourn.

There being no other business brought before the Planning Commission;

A Motion was brought by David Brink and 2nd by Fred VanTubergen to adjourn at 8:40pm.

PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Brink, Secretary

I, David Brink, Secretary, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the meeting action as passed by the Fillmore Township Planning Commission Meeting on February 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Signed _____

Date _____