

Minutes of the
Bennington Township Planning
Commission

January 29, 2026

The Bennington Township Planning Commission Meeting was held on January 29, 2026. Chair Russ Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Township Hall.

Members Present: Donna Ash, Russ Thomas, Bill Nash, Tom Runyan, Shawn Davis and Jim Norder

Moved by Shawn Davis to approve the meeting agenda. Seconded by Tom Runyan. Motion carried.

Moved by Shawn Davis to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Jim Norder. Motion carried.

No Public comment

No Old Business

The Board received 3 letters of interest to fill the vacancy on the Bennington Township Planning Commission due to the untimely death of long time Board Member Dick Demerly. The letters were from John Slocum of 8400 S. Gale Rd., Morrice, MI 48857, Phillip Anderson of 5360 Pittsburg Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848 and Adrian Horja of 4324 Waugh Rd., Owosso, MI 48867. Both Phillip Anderson and John Slocum were at the meeting and spoke to the Board outlining their interest and qualifications to serve on the Board. Moved by Tom Runyan to recommend to the Bennington Township Board either Phillip Anderson or John Slocum to serve on the Bennington Township Planning Commission. Seconded by Shawn Davis. Motion carried.

Donna Ash updated and presented to the Board a letter from Perry Township updating their progress in their new Master Plan Update. No action taken.

Donna Ash presented to the Board a letter from Carolyn Van Agen of 9160 Bancroft Rd., Bancroft, MI 48414 expressing her concern over the possibility of an AI Data Center being built in Bennington Township. The Board acknowledged the receipt of her letter. No action taken.

Next meeting is February 26, 2026.

Moved by Tom Runyan to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Shawn Davis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Nash, Secretary