

MINOCQUA PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES

May 26, 2026

A meeting of the Minocqua Plan Commission was called to order by Plan Commission member Billy Fried at 8:35 a.m. in the Board Room of the Minocqua Center.

Present were: Members Billy Fried, Jay Christgau, Joe Hegge, Mark Pertile, Michael Tautges, and Mary Taylor; and Lynn Wildes, Town Secretary. Chairman Mark Hartzheim was absent with notice.

Motion by Christgau, seconded by Taylor, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Motion by Hegge, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 12, 2026 as presented. Voice Vote: Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PERMIT #23-26: Administrative Review Permit application by James Rein Jr., applicant, and Andrew and Madison Alesauskas, owners, to operate a commercial storage rental facility that includes constructing three (3) storage buildings on the following described properties; Lots 1&2, CSM 4561, Section 34, T39N, R6E, PINs MI-2493-5 and MI-2493-6, Town of Minocqua.

Carla Blankenship from Oneida County Planning and Zoning was not able to attend, but applicant Jimmy Rein was present. Fried noted that Blankenship verbally stated the County had no concerns and all was in compliance. Rein said the buildings will be larger storage units where the size of the units can be adjusted based on storage needs and will have 16' side walls, and they will be accessed from the existing frontage road off of Highway 51.

Pertile asked Rein if there was an agreement in place for shared access to the highway and if there was any agreement to repair the frontage road, and Rein replied no to both. Rein noted they are moving the access further to the north to stay away from the existing gas pumps, and there will only be power run to the buildings – no water or dumpsters are needed. Jay Christgau asked Rein about the existing driveway access from Spruce St., and Rein replied that will be closed off. Pertile asked if they will be taking all of the trees off of the lot and Rein replied yes – they need room for the retention pond. Pertile also asked if the parking lot will be gravel and Rein replied yes, and Pertile asked if there will be any floor drains in the building and Rein replied no.

A discussion was held regarding the concern that there is no official correspondence from Oneida County regarding their opinion on the application, and it was decided that due to this it should be sent to the Town Board for approval so the applicant did not have to wait until the next Plan Commission meeting. Jimmy Rein said he could not attend the Town Board meeting but that owner Adam Alesauskas would be there.

Motion by Fried, seconded by Hegge, to recommend approval of ARP #23-26 to the Town Board as presented, subject to a representative for the storage buildings being present at the Town Board meeting and presenting the design plans including colors, and receiving a letter from Oneida County formally stating there are no concerns. Voice vote: Motion Carried 6-0.

DISUSSION RE: Update of Comprehensive Plan: Overview of process; review of existing plan(s); discussion of planning issues and zoning modifications; review of draft chapters.

Sam Wessel from the North Central WI Regional Planning Commission was present to help with the process. The Plan Commission went through the final chapters of the existing comprehensive plan making some initial notations for updates. Sam will complete the final edits, and it will come back to the Plan Commission for final review and a resolution to recommend adopting the plan to the Town Board.

Motion by Christgau, seconded by Hegge to adjourn meeting. Voice Vote: Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Lynn Wildes
Town Secretary