

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes
June 29, 2026

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Smokey Meinecke, Chair
Sandi Glesenkamp, Secretary
Charlie Brockriede
Justin Church

Russell Cossaboom
John Deitering
Stacy Baker

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Meinecke. Roll call was taken. Church and Baker were absent. See Guests list for other attendees.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Deitering with support by Cossaboom to approve the agenda. All votes aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Deitering with support by Baker to approve the minutes of June 22, 2026, with two edited corrections. All votes aye, motion carried.

Chairman Meinecke opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm for the special use located at 4729 Cusenza, Otter Lake. The request is for a short-term rental of said property owned by Jeff Hemingway.

Mr. Hemingway presented his request to the Planning Commission, explaining a little of the history of the property in which he grew up on. Jeff stated that there are woods on both sides and across the road and both sides are owned by relatives. He has completed all the requirements for the short-term rental including the well and septic inspections, the site plan, the application fees, a lease agreement example, and proof of insurance.

Public Comment: Many people spoke and some concerns were the maintenance of the road, vetting of the proposed renters, 5 small children in the immediate area, proposing a 3-month minimum rental period, outside boats, use of a neighboring driveway as a turn-around at the very end of Cusenza, by allowing one STR may open the doors to several more, noise, ORV's on the road, fishing concerns (depleting the crop), and concern for lowering property values.

Mr. Hemingway addressed most of the concerns. There is an extensive vetting process after the initial contact, no boats allowed from the outside, limit of 6 people, no parties allowed, no noise after 8:00 pm, and he pays for the fish stock too. Jeff also stated that protecting the lake is a high priority for him as his family is part of the history of the lake.

Chairman Meinecke declared the Public Hearing to close at 6:40 p.m.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Deitering with support by Brockreide to allow the special land use for a short-term rental located at 4729 Cusenza as the owner, Jeff Hemingway, has met the initial requirements for a short-term rental. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Cossaboom, Meinecke, Brockreide, Deitering and Glesenkamp. Absent: Baker and Church

A motion was made by Deitering with support by Brockriede to adjourn. All votes Aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted by _____
Sandi Glesenkamp

Approved _____
Smokey Meinecke