

Moffatt Township Planning Commission

May 14, 2026



(Copies to Len Mezey, Marion Chard, Andy Morley, Patrick Jedrzejczyk, Ron Vittitow, Allison Chmielewski & John Hoffman)

Public Hearings opened at 6:00 pm. Pledge stated. Members present: Patrick, Lenny, Ron, Marion. Andy absent. Public in attendance: John Hoffman. Please see attached list of additional attendees.

Public Comment

#1 A board roll call taken regarding the 30X40 (with 10X40 lean-to) proposed by David Kole. Passed with all ayes.

#2 Regarding the proposed cell tower on Marion & Frank Seder's property on Maple Ridge Rd. Tony Phillips (Galaxi rep) stated the the tower could accommodate up to three carriers, as proposed. If more were needed, an 20' extension could be added. However, this would precipitate an additional permit.

The following objections/questions were posed by the audience:

1. Concerns expressed about radiation emanating from the tower?
2. How was it determined that this was the optimal placement for the 195' tower?
3. Concerns expressed regarding the possible lowering of property values.
4. Neighbors wanted assurances that Galaxi would be personally responsible for removal of the tower, if it were no longer needed/deemed viable in the future.
5. Finally, Rick & Jeanette, representing Vogtmann Engineering, were concerned about the interference the tower would pose to their telecommunications company. They stated the tower would be too close to their business, adding they already had to deal with RFI (radio frequency interference) costing them 10's of thousands of dollars, in order to deal with current disruptions. They asked why Galaxi would even consider placement of the structure, knowing the close proximity to Vogtmann Engineering.

Tony was given an opportunity to answer all questions. 1) He stated that current studies conducted, showed that radiation effects were negligible. 2) The placement of the tower was determined by a current drop-out area in our district. 3) Stated that the tower would not cause property values to drop. 4. Both our board and Tony informed the public that the proposed contract included a bond that would cover the removal of any and all equipment from the property. 5) After considerable discussion, it was concluded that Galaxi would be in direct contact with Vogtmann Engineering. Rick demanded that a secondary study be performed regarding their expressed concerns, and that they would not be satisfied until it was conducted.

A roll call was held among the attending residents. Out of 18, 5 were pro, 8 against, with 5 abstaining. Therefore, the board agreed to delay their final decision, only giving a conditional approval at this time, awaiting the conclusions of a secondary study. A motion was called by Ron, and seconded by Len, with all ayes.

An adjournment at 7:05 was approved by Ron and seconded by Patrick. All ayes.

The regularly scheduled meeting began at 7:15.

Public Comment

Donald & Doris Roy, were informed that the public hearing regarding their proposed 40X52 pole barn

would be held on June 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Mark Bryce and Mike Ellison provided a site plan regarding the storage units to be placed at property located on Mapleridge Rd, just east of M-33. Please refer to former minutes dated, April 9, 2026. John will give them a zoning permit. He advised them to seek a building permit from Arenac County.

John presented April documentation. He informed us that Kim and Tom Spencer refused the recent certified letter that was sent to them. Please see attachments.

Minutes: Marion read the minutes from April. Len accepted minutes with Ron seconding—all ayes.

Old Business: Len inquired about blight clean-up issues. Patrick agreed to discuss a needed culvert on the road extending behind the trailer park, at Monday night's board meeting.

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Marion J Chard, Secretary