

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Regular Meeting

April 15, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Township Hall

Notice/Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Brief Citizen Comments (for agenda items only)
5. Approve Agenda
6. Conflict of Interest
7. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve meeting minutes: Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting, March 18th, 2025
8. Business:
 - A. Continued Discussion – Identify Alternate for Agricultural Advisory Committee
 - B. Continued Discussion – Proposed New Ordinance, “Wish List”
 - C. Continued Discussion – Changes to Current Ordinance
 - I. Reduce or eliminate acreage minimums for farm-based processing.
 - II. Adjust setback requirements to provide flexibility for small farms.
 - III. Allow on-farm processing and sales as a by-right use rather than requiring a special use permit.
 - IV. Revise definitions in Section 3.2 to reflect modern farm operations, including scalable processing models.
 - V. Permit on-farm direct sales of processed goods and allow for year-round sales strategies like local deliveries and farm subscriptions.
 - VI. Clarify the difference between farm-based processing and large-scale industrial processing to ensure small farms are not over-regulated.
9. Citizen Comments
10. Board Comments
11. Adjournment

*** If you would like to use a portable hearing device, please ask the recording secretary.**