PAVILION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION 1 2 3 **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 17, 2025** 4 5 A meeting of the Pavilion Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, July 17, 2025 6 at the Pavilion Township Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. 7 8 Members Present: Ed Cagney, Trustee 9 Sid Helmus 10 Abe Northup Paul Roberts 11 12 Stan Strzalkowski 13 Cori VanDoren 14 15 Members Absent: Erin Dey 16 17 Also present was Planning Consultant Jodi Stefforia. 18 Call to Order 19 20 Chair Strzalkowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 21 22 Approval of Agenda 23 The Chair asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Stefforia noted that the 24 meeting date of the minutes to be approved should be April 17 not May 15. Motion by VanDoren 25 with support by Helmus to approve the agenda as corrected; motion passed. 26 27 **Approval of Minutes** 28 The Planning Commission reviewed the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting. Motion by Robert 29 with support of Helmus to approve the minutes as drafted; motion passed. 30 31 Correspondence 32 There was no correspondence. 33 34 **Citizen and Board Comments** 35 None. 36 37

Work item: Energy Systems text amendments - draft three

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Stefforia shared an email from Attorney Thall regarding the pending litigation on the MPSC Rules. A court date has not yet been assigned. There is presently only one application from a developer at the MPSC for approval to build a facility.

Stefforia shared that this draft, per previous discussions, makes these systems a special use rather than a permitted use. A special use allows the Planning Commission to place additional conditions on an approval and allow for a public hearing. There was consensus that it is preferrable for the public to first see a project at the Planning Commission versus when there's a shovel in the ground.

Roberts shared that the NFPA is coming out with new guidelines this year regarding the storage systems.

Stefforia reminded them that Thall had previously suggested the Planning Commission get through the public hearing and send the ordinance to the Township Board ready-to-be adopted which could then set it aside waiting for a time to adopt knowing it is ready to go. There was consensus to set the text for public hearing at the next Planning Commission meeting. **Data Centers** A brief discussion regarding data centers occurred. Stefforia offered to gather some research for further discussion at the next meeting as a work item.

<u>Short Term Rentals</u> Stefforia offered to look into Portage's regulations and other Michigan communities with lakes and cottages as a starting point for discussing future ordinance language.

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Any Other Business

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<u>Adjournment</u>

20 The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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22 Prepared by: Jodi Stefforia, Planning Consultant

23 Minutes prepared: July 24, 2025 24 Minutes approved: _____, 2025