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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Elk Rapids Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss amending their Five-Year Plan at their next meeting scheduled on October 7, 2026 at 6:30PM at the Government Center located at 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids MI, 49629. Public comments and input are welcome.

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## VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Village of Elk Rapids Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, at the Governmental Center, 315 Bridge Street, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider and receive citizen input before the second reading on the proposed amendments to the zoning code regarding bed and breakfast establishments, Sec. 44-111. The proposed ordinance can be found on the Village's website, elkrapids.org, on the Friday before the meeting.

Citizens are invited to attend this hearing to speak either pro or con on this matter. Written comments can be directed to thewitt@elkrapids.org or Village of Elk Rapids, 315 Bridge Street, P.O. Box 398, Elk Rapids, MI 49629.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Village of Elk Rapids Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on **Thursday, September 17th, 2026,** at the Governmental Center, 315 Bridge Street, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider and receive citizen input on:

ZBA 2026-02, C.F. Campbell, 322 Bayshore Drive, Elk Rapids MI, parcel number 0543-020-010-20 for a variance from section 44-105 of the ordinance that states: private swimming pools shall be completely enclosed, for the protection of the general public; by a fence-not less than four foot in height.

The application can be found on the Village's website, elkrapids.org, in the ZBA meeting packet approximately a week prior to the meeting.

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# TAKENOTE

## Music House Museum "Get Rid of Nice Junk" sale

Music House Museum "Get Rid of Nice Junk" sale. Friday, Sept 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Come shop for useful, gently loved treasures. For more info: 231-676-9277 or *dorothylclore@gmail.com* **,** 7377 US-31, Williamsburg, 49690

## NMC Kayak Tour

On this guided tour, explore Grass River by kayak and find out about Grass River's Natural Area's conservation efforts, wetland ecology and Michigan wildlife. Friday, Sept 11, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Grass River Natural Area, 6500 Alden Hwy, Bellaire. Registration coming soon.

MILTON TOWNSHIP

### MILTON TOWNSHIP
### RFP FOR BASEMENT REPAINTING PROJECT

Milton Township is seeking proposals from qualified painting contractors to restore and repaint the basement areas of the Township Office Building following recent flooding. Contact clerk for more information at Clerk@MiltonTownshipMI.gov or 231-264-6612 x110.

RFP due by September 8, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

MILTON TOWNSHIP

### DRAFT
### SPECIAL MEETING
### MILTON TOWNSHIP
### AUGUST 25, 2026

**Members present:** C. Weinzapfel, L. Atkinson, J. Beebe, J. Renis, and B. Veliquette

**Also present:** P. Wendling, J. Petersen, and 1 audience member.

Weinzapfel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and the Pledge was recited.

**Motion** to approve agenda as presented by Renis/ Veliquette. **Motion approved 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Limited to items on the special meeting agenda) – G. Bokerman spoke about concerns with the people who rent STRs and the impact they have on his neighborhood.

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION:**
**Motion** by Beebe/ Veliquette to enter closed session to review pending litigation with municipal attorneys, since discussing the trial and settlement strategy for the pending case would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of Milton Township, said specific pending litigation being identified as follows:

*Eagle Spirit, LLC et al v Milton Township, et al, US District Court, Western District of Michigan, Case No. 1:26-cv-01672*
**Motion approved 5-0.**

**CLOSED SESSION** 9:07 am – 9:52 am
(No formal voting or binding actions will take place during closed session)

**Motion** made by Renis/ Veliquette to reconvene open session at 9:52. **Motion approved 5-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**
Attorneys from Bauckham, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman, & Koches, PC to continue defense.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 9:53 am.

These minutes are subject to approval at the September 21, 2026 meeting. A copy of these minutes is available at MiltonTownshipMI.gov

*Respectfully submitted,*
*Janet Beebe, Clerk*

CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP

### CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
### HELD AT THE CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
### AUGUST 20, 2026

**Call to Order** 6:02 Pledge of Allegiance – Invocation

**Roll Call Attendance**

**Present:** Supervisor Jim Leffew, Treasurer Michelle Jackson, Trustee David Koss & Trustee Bob Underhill.

**Absent:** Clerk Christine Johnson

Recognition of Visitors 51 in person, 7 online via Zoom

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS:** None Stated

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion** by Leffew, 2nd Jackson to approve agenda w/amendments – **carried**

**Motion** to accept Clerk Resignation effective August 20, 2026 by Leffew, 2nd Jackson. Jackson- Yes, Koss – Yes, Underhill – Yes, Leffew – Yes. **Motion Carried**

**GUEST REPORTS** – Sherrif Wagner present – gave verbal report citing cooperation between the township and KSO. Agree to develop a contract for additional services utilizing remaining Safety Grant Funds.

**Assessor Dawn Kuhns present** – gave presentation on the recent changes in the Land Division Act regarding the increase in allowable splits for parent properties. Board must consider establishing a new date for parent parcels, or keep the current 1997 date, as well as adjusting the fee schedule for splits.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – **Motion** by Leffew, 2nd Underhill to approve July 21st Regular Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried**

**TREASURERS REPORT** – Written/Verbal Report. Fund balances and investment report provided. Discussed ongoing support request scheduled for September 1st phone call with State of Michigan for Plante Moran.

**CLERKS REPORT** – Written Report provided. Check detail Report, all approved and motion by Jackson, 2nd by Leffew to pay all bills. Discussed reason for delay in scheduling 2025-26 audit due primarily from issues with the BSA conversion. Status given on IRS negotiations surrounding outstanding past payroll tax payments. Discussion concerning Clerk Resignation Letter, (July 21st resignation letter read) Trustee Koss requested revote to allow Clerk to remain through the November election period. **Motion** by Koss to rescind earlier vote to accept the Clerk's resignation effective August 20th with no 2nd, motion failed. Trustee Koss questioned the validity of previous vote to accept Clerk's resignation, with follow up **Motion** by Leffew to accept resignation effective August 20, 2026, 2nd by Jackson, Yes Jackson, Underhill and Leffew, Nays Koss. **Motion Carried.** **Motion** to pay Deputy Treasurer 12 hours determined to be unauthorized by former clerk for time spent working on taxes, BSA conversion and meeting attendance. Motion by Jackson, 2nd Leffew, Yes Jackson, Underhill and Leffew, Nays Koss. **Motion Carried.**

**WRITTEN REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT – BRIEF COMMENTS**
**Fire Department** – Written Report – Board given proposed Rapid River contract for services for review. Supervisor Leffew & Fire Chief Tharp will attend their September 8th meeting to present contract.

**Planning Commission** – Written Report – Provided public hearing results surrounding recommended approval of Special Use Permit for auxiliary living space on Aarwood Trail, parcel # 004-850-014-01. **Motion** by Leffew to approve, 2nd Underhill – All in favor – **Motion Carried.**

Discussion on Planning Commission deliberations concerning recommended approval of Special Use Permit for the T&M Campground on Hill Road. **Motion** to Approve Leffew, 2nd Underhill, all in favor, **Motion Carried.**

**PARKS & RECREATION** – Written Report – Discussed need for organization, bylaws, budget and the creation of the 2026 - 2030 five-year master plan. Approved the following requests for funding, 1. Aubertin Tree service bid for removal of approximately 120 old growth poplar trees in Freedom Park East and West, chip debris and grind stumps at cost of $9,400. **Motion** by Leffew, 2nd Jackson – unanimously approved, **motion carried.** 2. Aubertin Tree Service to remove overgrowth trees in the drainage ditch on the North side of Freedom Park East, pull stumps and get ready for proper drainage of the parking area at a cost of $3,000. **Motion** by Leffew, 2nd Underhill – unanimously approved, **motion carried.** 3. Request for Aubertin Tree Service to remove all the invasive trees, Black Locust, in Fireman's Park at no cost to the township. **Motion** to approve removal, Leffew, 2nd Underhill, with unanimous approval. **Motion Carried.** 4. Request to approve bid from Aubertin Tree Service to remove one large dead red pine tree at the Cedar Street lake access and evaluate one additional dying red pine tree at a cost of $1,500. **Motion** to approve by Leffew, 2nd by Underhill with unanimous approval. **Motion carried.** Noted the upcoming community event honoring all military, veterans, first responders, law enforcement and fire depart personnel at Cold Front Diesel facility on Friday, September 11th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

**MAINTENANCE** – Supervisor Leffew obtained board approval to pursue the use of two Community Service Workers to be utilized in the Cemetery, Community Parks and other special projects.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/ENFORCEMENT** – Administrator West requested and received approval to issue four blight ordinance violations, (3 on Harrison, 1 on Main Street) and one additional noise violation on Hahn Circle Drive. All approved.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Verbal Report – Meets the 3rd Monday monthly

**ROAD COMMISSION/COMMITTEE** – Meets the 3rd Tuesday monthly – 2nd Brine application complete, requesting price for Valley Road upgrades coming in 2027. Water issue on Valley Road discussed.

**SUPERVISOR CORRESPONDENCE** – Request to receive permission from DNR to install 2 "No Wake" floating buoys in the "Blue Hole area" to prevent excessive beach erosion that is occurring. Board approved.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Patriot Park - Lease dissolvement hearing is scheduled for September 18th. Cemetery Chapel – Board received draft lease for the restoration and improvement proposed by North Light Ministries non-profit with positive response and permission to move forward with lease creation. Elk Lake Spillway Project Forum scheduled for August 26th at 6:00 PM in the township gymnasium. Scheduled Special meeting on October 8th at 6:00 PM for Board discussion regarding any modification to the existing DRAFT Short Term Rental Ordinance prior to our regular board Meeting Scheduled for October 15th at 6:00 PM where an up or down vote will take place. Request for board to act on the ZBA's findings surrounding the clarification of pontoon rental business in R-1. **Motion** to table decision to allow or issue zoning violation regarding the Stoldt's Pontoon Rental business to the September 17th regular meeting. **Motion** by Jackson, 2nd Koss, Underhill – Yes, Koss – Yes, Jackson – Yes, Leffew – Yes. **Carried.** Board agreed to table Septic Ordinance until January 2027. (Note: Supervisor Leffew to request further disclosure of emails from township officials surrounding the discussion of their pontoon rental business)

**NEW BUSINESS** – Request to utilize remaining Safety Grant money from State of Michigan to create an agreement with Kalkaska Sherrif's dept to assist in zoning problems and ongoing crime in the township. Board supported creation of contract. Supervisor Leffew and Zoning Administrator Leffew to meet with Sherrif to prepare document. Notified public of upcoming repairs in the gymnasium which may disrupt use by the public.

**CLOSED SESSION** – Not Requested

**CLOSING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Little Library

**CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS** – several members of the public expressed that Trustee Koss's language and behavior was rude and combative to the public and fellow board members.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – 9:08 PM

Next Regular Meeting September 17th at 6:00 PM

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