

Briley Township  
Planning Commission Minutes  
June 9, 2025

Present: LaMore, Green, Sorenson, Kennedy, Williams

Absent: None

Public Present: Chris Gleeson, Mary Dugas, Kathy Isham, Robert Burlingame

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Chair LaMore

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda: Motion by Williams, second by Green to accept agenda with following addition "food Trucks"  
Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Williams, second by Sorenson to accept March 10, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Williams, second by Sorenson to accept May 12, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0

Public Comment: None

Chris Gleeson asked to be on agenda. Started last year inquiring about moving his business to Briley Township. His business is firearm training and some sales. Found a location on S. Kellyville that suited him, approached township about zoning restrictions and was assured it was a legal use. Just confirming the rules hadn't changed, The Chair assured him that rules had not changed. Reminded him that a shooting range would require a special use permit. He assured us that firing of weapons was to be held at gun range in Hillman.

Tiny Houses will be referred to as undersized dwellings and that the hunting cabin loophole be removed. Still allowed in FR District, but not R,C, or Ind districts. Previously discussed to change minimum square footage of residences to 520 FT<sup>2</sup>, 16 foot minimum width.

Short-term rentals(STR): Chair shared example ordinances for review, hasn't drafted a local copy yet.

Discussion revolved around STR's consuming housing that is needed in area for local workers, and excessive noise issues. Mr Burlingame was concerned we are limiting tourist lodging, and instead reduce lot sizes. Lamore said would only cover rentals from 3-28 days. Reminded that a stand alone ordinance requires Board action, not Planning Commission.

Kennedy reiterated the need for housing, but needs downtown support to keep businesses alive.

Discussion about trails being closed. DNR claims all trails are closed, but actually the routes are open and only small trails are still blocked. Residents have cleaned trails without permission from DNR.

Food Trucks- touchy issue as restaurants have additional costs that food trucks do not. Becoming an issue in Lewiston and we should address it before it becomes an issue. We have basic language in ordinance, should touch-up.

Green to draft language on minimum house sizes, updates to Waters listed, and start drafting domestic animal language.

LaMore suggested a workshop on Short-term rentals, but no date set.

Motion to adjourn by Green, second by Sorenson to adjourn at 7:34PM

Gordon Green

Secretary- Briley Township Planning Commission