

Weldon Planning Commission January 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Charles Kraus.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Charles Kraus, Sue Meredith, Rebecca Parmer, Becky Sharp, Robert Aldrich, Mary Wixson

Excused: Phyllis Kladder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mary motioned to approve with amendments:

1. Election of Officers
2. Discussion regarding reappointment of members with terms expiring March 31, 2026-Phyllis, Rebecca & Becky
3. Approval of Regular Oct Meeting and Dec Special Meeting minutes
4. Discussion regarding budget for April 1, 2026 to March 2027.

Becky 2nd. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 6, 2025-Mary made a motion to approve. Rebecca 2nd. Motion carried.

December 6, 2025-Sue made a motion to approve with the date correction at the bottom for the next meeting to be January 5, 2026. Becky 2nd. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED VISITOR COMMENTS:

None

FOLLOW UP ON DNR FOR PARKS & REC PLAN:

Sue talked to Arthur. Our Master Plan is good to go. Our Parks & Rec Plan has to have a 30 day review period-anyone can request a copy from us. Arthur is sending Sue an email about our next steps to get it approved with the DNR.Sue will contact him tomorrow and remind him about the email. She will then get with Mary to get an email sent out to the group with what we have to do and update Chuck as well. Sue also asked Arthur about it needing to go to the full Weldon Board. He stated that it does not need to.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chair-Charles Kraus

Vice Chair-Becky Sharp

Secretary-Mary Wixson

Rebecca made a motion to approve the slate of officers. Sue 2nd. Motion carried.

BYLAWS REVIEW:

Current by-laws were not updated correctly when changes were made in previous Planning Commission meetings. The following changes were made and should be corrected in our amended by-laws:

Article II: A), 1) Quorum to be simple majority.

Article II: C), 6) One (1) unexcused absence from the regular scheduled meetings allowed per fiscal year. To be excused from a meeting, you must contact the Chair or Secretary prior to the scheduled meeting.

Article II: E) All members shall serve a term of three (3) years except the member from Weldon Township Board. That term shall be for one (1) year.

Becky made a motion to have Fran correct the By-Laws as previously approved by the planning commission. Rob 2nd. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REAPPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS WITH TERMS THAT WILL EXPIRE MARCH 31,2026:

Phyllis Kladder, Rebecca Parmer, Becky Sharp-all 3 members have agreed to continue to serve on the planning commission if Weldon Township Board desires for them to remain on it.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Planning Commission members are requesting the following budget be approved by the Weldon Township Board for Fiscal Year April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027:

1. **\$2,500** – Garden (purchase of \$400 gate, \$2,100 for mulch and maintenance of garden area)
2. **\$2,500** – Salaries
3. **\$8,000** – Walking Trail in Craig and Sue Meredith Day Use Park (wood chips-delivered and spread). 5 years ago we were given a quote of \$6,000 for wood chips-delivered and spread).
4. **\$2,000** – Legal Fees (for our Parks & Rec Plan & Master Plan Renewal)
5. **\$1,000** – Contingency Funds

TOTAL: **\$16,000** for the Fiscal Year. Please note that we had planned on spending \$15,000 this current (2025/2026) fiscal year for Legal Fees for our Parks & Rec Plan & Master Plan Updates. We were able to renew both plans for less money. We are waiting to receive the bill from Wade Trim for the time they have already spent with us and any additional time required to get the Parks & Rec Plan Renewal approved by the DNR. The Master Plan has been renewed for another 5 years.

Becky made a motion to present the proposed \$16,000 Planning Commission Budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 to the Weldon Township Board for their approval. Rebecca 2nd. Motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Wixson

Mary Wixson/Secretary

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 6, 2026

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE:

JANUARY 5, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

APRIL 6, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

JULY 6, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 5, 2026 AT 6:30 PM