

FAYAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 19th, 2025



Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by Chair Peritz. Members present: Heidi Latvaaho, Chris Erickson, Bill O'Neal and Alex Peritz.

Town Board Liaison Mike Erjavec was in the audience.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 17th, 2025 meeting, made by O'Neal, support from Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Guests- None at this time.

Audience Concerns- None at this time.

Correspondence- None at this time.

Old Business-

Ballfield- The Town Board decided to take the lights that were received for free from the old Hibbing field to the landfill. The lights are old and even to just install those light fixtures and poles, the estimated cost was \$100,000.00. The field has only been used for occasional practices the last two years.

Economic Development Authority- No updates.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program- Latvaaho sent a letter of support to St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District last month for their grant submission. Discussion regarding the amount of zebra mussels in Ely Lake and the potential of spreading to St. Mary's Lake.

Grant Funding Opportunities- Latvaaho is still looking at a tennis court grant. Finally received three quotes for the courts. One was a complete reconstruct at a cost of \$170,000.00 and two others for \$50,000.00 for crack sealing. Currently looking into opportunities and should look at replacing the entire court. The courts were crack sealed in 2019 and are in deplorable condition. Discussion regarding court age and court base.

Commission Vacancy- Received a letter of interest from Ashley Dabbas.

Motion to recommend to the Town Board to appoint Ashley Dabbas, made by Peritz, support from Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business-

Review of the Comprehensive Plan- Will hold off until Dabbas starts. Discussion to cancel the December meeting and meet in January.

Term Expiration Chris Erickson- Erickson's term expires at the end of December. Erickson will renew his term.

Liaison Erjavec brought forward road funding for discussion. The Township has 15 miles of blacktop and currently paying \$50,000.00 per year for the bond payment. An estimate to repair a two mile stretch of Thunderbird Trail was estimated at \$2 million. At the rate of current funding, only one mile of road could be completed every 20 years. Discussion regarding road affordability and costs. Discussion that Latvaaho recommended to the Town Board setting aside \$50,000.00 in the Road and Bridge budget per year for road projects to build a road fund. Discussion regarding the number of St. Louis County roads in the Township and other roads in the Township.

Chair Peritz adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Latvaaho

Secretary Heidi Latvaaho