

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MILTON TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, MI
32097 Bertrand St
Niles, MI 49120

To: The residents and property owners of Milton Township, Cass County Michigan and any other interested parties.

The Planning Commission of Milton Township, Cass County Michigan will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Milton Township Hall, 32097 Bertrand St, Niles MI 49120.

The Planning Commission is considering amendments to Chapter 19 of the Milton Township Zoning Ordinance, as follows: Section 19.03, General Requirements and Application to Existing Private Roads, 2. Private roads are permitted only in the RR, Rural Residential; SFR, Single-Family Residential; MDR/MFR, Medium Density & Multi-Family Residential; and Planned Unit Development (PUD) Districts as a special land use.

Section 19.06, Procedure for Review of Private Roads 1. Permit Application and Fee. A Special Land Use application to establish, extend, or relocate a private road shall be filed with the Township Zoning Administrator along with a fee as set by the Township Board.

Section 19.06, Procedure for Review of Private Roads, 2. Review of Permit Application, c. Review Standards for Private Roads. In addition to the standards of this Chapter and the general Special Land Use standards of Section 15.03(1) (a-f), the Planning Commission shall also ensure that a proposed private road meets the following additional standards;

- 1) The proposed private road and the subsequent lot(s) that it serves or will serve shall be situated in an area of the Township such that it will not impede the conduct of existing agricultural activities.
- 2) The proposed private road shall be generally located in an area of the Township with compatible land uses, residential densities, and shall be designed to protect, to the greatest degree practicable, the rural and agricultural character of the Township.
- 3) The proposed private road and subsequent lot(s) that it serves or will serve shall be consistent with the Milton Township Master Plan's recommendations and policies related to the preservation of woodlands, open spaces, or farmland, especially in areas with visible sightlines.

Section 19.06, Procedures for Review of Private Roads, 2. d. is deleted.

Section 19.08, Appeal Process is deleted.

The full ordinance can be viewed at the Township office or on the Township website.

Written comments will be taken from any interested persons concerning the foregoing proposed amendment, at the Milton Township Hall, at the address set forth above, at any time during regular business hours up to 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said hearing and will be received by the Planning Commission at the time of said hearing.

All persons interested in the foregoing are invited to be present at the aforesaid Public Hearing time and place to participate in the discussion. More information can be obtained by calling Milton Township at 269-591-7982. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services, and wish to attend the hearing, should contact the office of the Township Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk, at least five (5) days prior to the hearing to ensure needed accommodations.

Kristen Barrera, Clerk
Milton Township Planning Commission