

Planning & Zoning Work-Session June 23, 2026

1. **Call to order** – recognize Open Meeting Law – read the published notice of the meeting.
2. **Roll Call** –
3. **Minutes** - Approval of minutes of the June 17, 2026 Meeting.
4. **Old Business** –
5. **Administrator / Board Comments:**
6. **Public Comment** (Limit of 5 minutes)
7. **Work Session:** Review of Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations.
8. **Adjournment**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Howard County Planning & Zoning Commission was convened in open and public session on June 23, 2026. Chairman Terry Spilinek called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and acknowledged the Open Meetings Act. Administrator Klinginsmith read the Notice of Meeting. Proof of publication is on file with the Howard County Clerk's Office.

Roll call showed five members present: Kenneth Kozisek, Jack Reimers, Jeff Christensen, Chris Kosmicki, and Terry Spilinek. Members absent were Daryl Anderson, Ron Kulwicki, Dave Sack, and Randy Kauk. Also present were Cherri Klinginsmith, Planning & Zoning Administrator; Heather Sikyta, Howard County Attorney; and members of the public including Keith Marvin, Cayce Chandler with Marvin Planning Consultants, and Mason Herrman via Zoom. Jennifer Ostendorf, Planning & Zoning Secretary, was absent.

The agenda and minutes were reviewed by the Commission. A motion was made by Chris Kosmicki and seconded by Jack Reimers to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2026 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

Administrator Klinginsmith reminded board members to notify her if they plan to attend the North American Manure Expo being held July 28–30, 2026, in Wayne, Nebraska.

Administrator Klinginsmith also reported that the County Commissioners approved the Blasé Conditional Use Permit (CUP) with the Planning & Zoning Board's recommended conditions for a three-year term.

Public Comment:

None.

Work-Session

Keith Marvin asked whether approval had been received from the villages regarding their Comprehensive Plans.

Administrator Klinginsmith stated that the County had been informed by Boelus, Cushing, and Elba that their plans were acceptable. Dannebrog, Farwell, and Cotesfield are still reviewing their plans. Marvin Planning Consultants stated they would like to have the Comprehensive Plans finalized by August.

Discussion also occurred regarding village zoning regulations. It was confirmed that each village will have their own Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Administrator Klinginsmith stated she had not been informed of any requested changes to existing village regulations or maps, except that Dannebrog had previously requested allowing tiny homes with a minimum size of 400 square feet and Cushing's side setbacks are different than the other villages.

Marvin Planning Consultants then reviewed the 149-page draft of the proposed county zoning regulations. Discussion included definitions, farm and commercial feedlots, paunch manure, residential housing, and other proposed language updates. The consultants will incorporate the suggested revisions and return with an updated draft in August for additional review. Board members commented favorably on the layout and organization of the proposed regulations and expressed that the revised format may make the regulations easier for the public to understand.

With no further business to discuss, Chris Kosmicki moved to adjourn the meeting and Jack Reimers seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Administrator Klinginsmith stated that, with no applications received today, Tuesday, June 23, there will be no July Planning & Zoning meeting.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherri Klinginsmith
Planning & Zoning Administrator

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