

FAYAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 20th, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Chair Peritz. Members present: Ashley Dabbas, Chris Erickson, Heidi Latvaaho, Bill O'Neal and Alex Peritz.

Town Board Liaison Mike Erjavec was present in the audience.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 15th, 2026 meeting, made by O'Neal, support from Dabbas. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Guests- None at this time.

Audience Concerns- None at this time.

Correspondence-

May 13th- Letter from the St. Louis County Planning and Zoning Department with decision of the St. Louis County Board of Adjustment in regards to Lake Country Power variance hearing. The variance was approved.

Old Business-

Aquatic Invasive Species Program- They are staffed at the Ely Lake boat landing.

Grant Funding Opportunities- Currently working on a grant opportunity from the United States Tennis Association for the tennis courts. Received a quote from Mesabi Bituminous for approximately \$130,000.00. Discussion that the tennis court grant doesn't allow painting of permanent pickleball lines.

Review of Comprehensive Plan- The plan hasn't been reviewed for a couple of years. Discussion of the Comprehensive Plan and what the plan discusses. The Commission reviewed the implementation table regarding objectives, action steps and timelines. Housing was reviewed, it was noted that the old Bullfrogs building was removed and the blight officer addresses all blighted properties. The development at St. Mary's is still on going. For Transportation, discussion regarding bike paths, narrow shoulders and ATV connection trails. In regards to Public Utilities, Facilities and Services, discussion regarding Gilbert Debt charges that have not been reduced and different expansions that have occurred in the Township. Reviewed the status of the Fire Department and currently in a relatively good position for volunteers and equipment. For Recreation and Open Space goals and objectives, water has already been installed and an engineer designed a ballfield layout for any future project plans. A good amount has been done at the Ballfield such as a scoreboard, bleachers, power and property was purchased as the driveway ran through another's property. Near the Town Hall a new skate shack/picnic shelter was erected. Natural, Agricultural and Cultural Resources goals and objectives are ongoing and Fayal continues to work with the DNR and North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District. Discussion regarding Eveleth water and mining in our region. In the past Fayal has tried to promote community engagement by looking into farmer's markets and has hosted events such as summer BBQ's and skating parties. Economic Development was reviewed and Fayal has worked with the IRRRB to assist with business opportunities. For Land Use and Intergovernmental Cooperation, the Town works with St. Louis County and other appropriate agencies to support the goals and objectives. The plan is to be reviewed annually by the Commission and report to the Town Board on its progress. Discussion regarding the possibility of editing the Comprehensive Plan in order to update goals and objectives that have been met. Discussion to discuss transportation needs at the next meeting.

New Business- Chairman Peritz brought forward the summer schedule. Will cancel June and July meetings unless something comes up and then meet again in August.

Motion to adjourn, made by O'Neal, support from Dabbas.

Chair Peritz adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary Heidi Latvaaho