

**Lanesboro Planning and Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Lanesboro City Council Chambers**

Members Present:

☒ Aaron Gage ☒ Jeff Lepper ☒ Jonathan Levine ☒ Alicia Pearson ☒ Michael Seiler

Staff:

☒ Mitchell Walbridge ☒ Darla Taylor

Member Seiler called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: Variance Application for Parcel ID 190300010 (603-1/2 Auburn Avenue South)

Member Seiler called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Kay Taylor commented on the fence and how a solid fence may not be good for the dogs who live at the residence.

Dawn Bearson commented on the fence stating that the intent of the application is to provide more privacy for the residence.

Member Seiler closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Public Hearing: Variance Application for Parcel ID 190247000 (302 Kirkwood Street East)

Member Seiler called the public hearing to order at 6:05 p.m.

Nancy Martinson stated the existing porch has been in place since 1922 and she would like to add on to the screened in porch. Any addition would not encroach further into the front yard setback.

Member Seiler closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Member Seiler called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

- A. Agenda Approval:** A motion was made by Member Levine to approve the agenda; Member Lepper seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.
- B. Public Comments:** Walter Bradley asked the commission about the procedure of ordinance enforcement for lawn and tree maintenance.
- C. Consent Agenda:**
 - a.** Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 15, 2026
A motion was made by Member Pearson to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Lepper seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

New Business

- A. Consider Variance Application for Parcel ID 190300010 – 603-1/2 Auburn Avenue South:** Members evaluated the application for a variance to increase the maximum allowable fence height from four feet to six feet. The variance correlates with Lanesboro City Ordinance § 151.44. In discussion regarding practical difficulties members noted there was no disruption to traffic and sight lines, that intent behind the fence installation was to provide additional privacy for a single-family home located on Minnesota State Highway 16, and that the home has an alley adjacent to the rear yard.
A motion was made by Member Gage to recommend the City Council approve the variance application; Member Seiler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.
- B. Consider Building Permit Application for Parcel ID 190300010 – 603-1/2 Auburn Avenue South:** A motion was made by Member Lepper to recommend the City Council approve the building permit application associated with the variance application; Member Gage seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

- C. Consider Variance Application for Parcel ID 190247000 – 302 Kirkwood Street East:** Members evaluated the application for a variance to reduced the required front yard set back from 30 feet to 2 feet to allow construction of an enclosed screen porch at 302 Kirkwood Street East. The variance correlates with Lanesboro City Ordinance § 151.21(3)(a). In discussion regarding practical difficulties members noted that the property is naturally fit for the addition to the single-family residential dwelling and is an addition to a front porch that already exists within two feet of the front yard property line. A motion was made by Member Levine to recommend the City Council approve the variance application; Member Pearson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.
- D. Consider Building Permit Application for Parcel ID 190247000 – 302 Kirkwood Street East:** A motion was made by Member Levine to recommend the City Council approve the building permit application associated with the variance application; Member Seiler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.
- E. Discuss Regulation of Data Centers:** The commission held a high-level discussion about the need to have any regulations in place regarding data centers. Zoning Administrator Walbridge recommended additional information be brought back to the commission about data centers and how to regulate them. Such information could be brought back to the next meeting in July. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Member Seiler to adjourn the meeting; Member Lepper seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/City Clerk