

**Marengo Township Planning Commission Meeting**

January 7, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Greg Shippell, Chair Pro Tem

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present: Greg Shippell, Debra Huffman, Jerry Bischoff, Todd Hazel Absent: Justin Kazmar, Jerry Buller

Motion made by Todd Hazel to approve the agenda, with Site Plan Review for Estes Express Lines added. Seconded by Debra Huffman. Motion carried.

Motion made by Todd Hazel to approve the December 3, 2025 minutes. Second, by Jerry Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: none

New business: Site plan review for Estes Express Lines planned 3,600 sq. ft. addition. Zoning Administrator report read and discussed. Motion by Todd Hazel to approve site plan as presented. Second, Debra Huffman. Motion carried.

Master Plan Review: Greg Shippell read "Data Center-Definition" and "Arguments Against Data Centers". Board discussion and public comment. Bob Toland explained that the Master Plan will need updated to include that Marengo Township is primarily agriculture and is not suitable for development of data centers and battery storage facilities. Bob Toland will provide new language and make corrections discussed by the Planning Commission to update the Master Plan.

Marijuana Overlay District discussed. Zoning Ordinance will need to be changed.

Zoning language for a permanent Shafer Redi Mix in Light Industrial. Request information from them to describe their business plan.

Ag District Special Land Use (SLU) 10 acres or less: Discussion. Board agrees that wording in the Zoning Ordinance is correct. No changes will be made at this time.

Commissioner comments: none

Public comments: Question regarding complaint summons.

Motion made by Todd Hazel to adjourn meeting. Second by Jerry Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next meeting will be on March 4, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Debra Huffman