

Harpersfield Township Zoning Commission
1481 Old Harpersfield Road
Harpersfield, OH 44041

Public Hearing

Held on July 6, 2026

The zoning board held a public hearing on the new zoning text provided by Verdantas and dated 6.24.26. Hearing opened at 7:00 pm.

Board members: Gary Somnitz, Pat Linehan, Pete Hommel

Zoning admin: Larry Lister

Trustees: Lisa Linehan, Ed Pristov

BZA members: Dave Snyder, Joanie Keehn, Paula Pristov

Visitors: Tim and Bonnie Burzanko

Two handouts were passed out. One was the Verdantas summary of the text changes and the other was some extra notes about each section discussed in the summary.

Gary Somnitz reviewed each section in general terms and included some extra information not included in the summary memo.

Some public discussion about permanent containers and allowed districts.

Discussion about the new text for the local agricultural off premise stands. It was decided to further explain the local meaning by specifically listing the adjacent communities allowed. Lisa Linehan will request change to Verdantas, or do it ourselves, once we have source document.

No other public comments and hearing was closed at 7:40pm.

Regular Meeting

Held on July 6, 2026

Gary Somnitz opened the meeting at 7:40 with the same attendees as above.

Old business:

A motion was made by Pat Linehan to approve the new zoning text dated 6/24/26 with the addition of local adjacent communities list added to table 607A on page 93 of the text. Motion 2nd by Pete Hommel. No further discussion. Roll call - Pat, yes Pete, yes Gary, yes Larry will submit updated text to the county planning commission for review before going to trustees for approval.

Zoning Report - Larry:

Current residential permits in progress - 3, 2 fence permits issued.

New business: None

Public discussion: Some discussion about Short Term rental text that we may want to start working on. Joanie Keehn discussed possible bed tax raising that may help control surge of short term rentals.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.