Norman Township Board Meeting Minutes Draft
Tuesday November 10, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00

Call of Order: 7:01 pm by Supervisor Richard Mobley

Attendance: Supervisor (Rich Mobley), Clerk (Starr Daniels), Treasurer (Merrill Tighe), Trustee (Jason Fraley), Trustee (Nick Schilling)

Approval of October's board minutes, expense vouchers and Treasurer's Report, Motioned by Merrill , 2nd by Nick, all in favor 5-0

Reports:
Fire Department Fire Chief Jack Vanderbie stated that we had 41 runs in October and that fire season is just beginning.
Lithium Battery fires are up significantly. He recommends the following:

1. Charge on hard surfaces only, not on carpet or soft surfaces
2. Unplug when fully charged (cordless drills, RC vehicles toys, E-Bikes)
3. E-Bikes: Storage in a fireproof box is recommended.

All trucks are in good working order and personal is good.

Custodian Tim Kourtman stated leaf collection is underway. The swing dedication for Jack Labadie is scheduled for December.

Transfer Station is good.

Management Council & Rentals We have 8 paid hall rentals this month. This is unusually high for this time of year. Weekends are largely booked and hall usage is increasing.

Zoning and Planning We had 3 zoning applications processed this month slowing seasonally
Field work ongoing: 1 court hearing next week on the junk and blade issue.

Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday November 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM for the solar farm.

1. Board of trustees presiding: podium format, all comments will be addressed to the board.
2. 3 minute speaking limit per person
3. Solar company and property owners expected to attend

Planning commission meeting also on Thursday November 12, 2026 for language change only

Public Comment : None

New Business and Resolutions

Consumers Energy public land use renewal approved

Planning commission reappoints, retroactive to October 26, three-year terms through October 2029 :

- Andrew Anderson reappointed
- Mary Becker-Witt reappointed

Remaining 2 members are up for reappointment next October

Manistee Parks & Rec Plan adopted as Resolution 12026-11

- Cooley Bridge (Site 185) amendments: remove trails off pavement, water access, and flush toilets from amenities, pit toilets and drive-up access remain
  Walkway closure noted in narrative

Next Steps:

- Notify Andrew Anderson and Mary Becker-Witt of Reappointment Three-year term retroactive October 26, 2026.
- Update site 185 (Cooley Bridge) amenities.
- Add planning commission reappointment reminder for October next year. Two remaining members due for renewal: staggered schedule to maintain 2-2-1 rotation

Motion to adjourn by Merrill, Nick 2nd, passed at 7:14 PM