Meeting Minutes of Stronach Township Planning Commission for
March 4, 2025
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Meeting called to order by Commissioner Lacki at 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

Members present: Carl Lacki, Ted Batzer, Terry Lindeman, Dan Landis; absent: Phil Landis. Also present Zoning Administrator Larry Thompson, and audience for public comment were Dorothy Batzer and Phil Vadeboncoeur (Twp Supervisor).

Approved meeting agenda on motion by Batzer, 2nd by Lindeman, all approved, motion carried.

Approved minutes of Jan 2nd meeting on motion by Lindeman, 2nd by Batzer, all approved, motion carried.

Lindeman moved to open the floor to officer nominations, 2nd by Lacki, all approved, motion carried.
Lacki nominated Batzer for Chair, all approved.
Batzer nominated Lacki for Vice Chair, all approved.
Batzer nominated D. Landis for Secretary, all approved.

There were no new relevant communications to present.

During public comment, discussions were diverse, including: the difficulties finding people to serve for the township (Phil V); the PlanCom budget and possibly getting a laptop particularly for the Secretary and in regard to the impending Master Plan changes (Batzer, et al); and Phil V pointed out that the February PlanCom meeting that didn't happen could not be canceled but only re-scheduled.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Still working on ordinance updates and discussed issues with township map and potential developments near wetlands like Udell Hills and Clay Bank, as well as issues with alleyways and attendant special use permits. Thompson has a zoning issue with a neighbor, and to avoid a conflict of interests, he may well need the Secretary to sign and/or serve papers on said neighbor.

Old Business: Review of Master Plan changes delayed until next meeting for new Secretary to get up to speed on that.

New Business:

1) Request for Cost Recovery ordinance for fire department under further investigation and tabled until next meeting. Thompson noted homeowner insurance policies as a factor to consider in any cost recovery action.
2) Possibly moving meeting dates to follow township meeting tabled until all PlanCom members can be present; also must consider posting meeting notice on hall doors and in newspaper to appropriately comply with the Open Meetings Act.
3) No more ideas were presented for township improvement.

No other business came before the commission.

Agenda for next meeting should include the Master Plan and its ancillary issues to changing it, Cost Recovery ordinance regarding fire department, and commission meeting schedule.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Daniel Landis, Secretary