TOWNSHIP OF STRONACH
(Manistee County)
2471 Main St RR3
Manistee Michigan,49660

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Draft for May 6, 2025

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Batzer at 7:00 p.m with Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

Members Present: Ted Batzer, Terry Lindeman, Carl Lacki, Phil Landis, and Dan Landis.
Members Absent: None. Also Present was Zoning Administrator Larry Thompson.
Public Audience: Al Bufka, Phil Vadeboncoeur, and Dorothy Batzer.

Approved meeting agenda on motion by Mr. Lindeman, 2nd by Mr. P. Landis, all approved, motion carried.

Approved minutes for April 1st meeting on motion by Mr. Lindeman, 2nd by Mr. Lacki, all approved, motion carried.

No recent Communications presented, and public comment reserved for specific topics under Old Business.

Zoning Administrator's Report from Mr. Thompson included brief discussions of parking and noise ordinance in the village with two of three nuisance complaints recently dealt with by Mr. Thompson. Also discussed were potential issues with splitting parcels and new build requirements in relation to parcel size and required road frontage. No actions taken.

Old Business agenda topics were discussed in altered sequence from the agenda.

1) Cost Recovery Ordinance discussed each of the samples from other townships previously provided by Mr. Thompson. The three briefest of those samples are to be further reviewed at the next PlanCom meeting (June 3rd) with the idea that the township's attorney should write or at least review any such new ordinance for this township.

2) Many issues were discussed by everyone present regarding the DNR (et al) proposed Little Manistee River designation as a "natural river" through Stronach Township. No one present is in favor of the proposed designation. This has become a political issue, which should be addressed through another

letter from this PlanCom via the township's Board of Trustees to the DNR and state legislators. The township should be represented at any scheduled meetings by the DNR (et al), specifically one on July 17th at West Shore Community College facilities (in Manistee?). And further public meetings should be planned to particularly include townships upstream (i.e., Norman Township and into its headwaters in Mason County). No action taken by PlanCom at this time, but this suite of issues will be revisited to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting (May 14th).

3) Master Plan – this was reviewed through Page 30 with the Secretary noting each of the edits discussed. Motion made by Mr. Lindeman to accept those changes, seconded by Mr. Lacki, and all approved, motion carried.

4) The missed meeting of February was rescheduled to immediately follow the scheduled June 3rd PlanCom meeting. This will be posted on the township hall's doors. This rescheduling passed unanimously as a motion (proposed and seconded by whom, the Secretary missed.)

New Business: No additional ideas were presented for Township improvement.

Agenda for next meeting(s) was discussed to include items 1 through 3 again.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Daniel Landis, Secretary