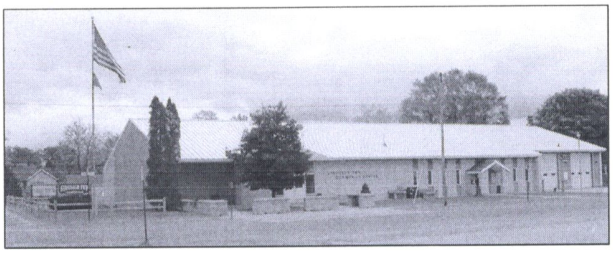

TOWNSHIP OF STRONACH
(Manistee County)
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Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Draft for September 2, 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: Dorothy Batzer and Phil Vadeboncoeur.

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

Approved minutes for re-scheduled February 4 meeting on motion by Mr. P. Landis, 2nd by Mr. Batzer, all approved, motion carried.

Approved minutes for June 3 meeting on motion by Mr. P. Landis, 2nd by Mr. Lacki, all approved, motion carried.

Communications:

1) MSU Extension Flyer for Land Use Planning & Zoning Certificate Courses for anyone interested.
2) Manistee County Rec Plan Survey and Update – no real discussion.
3) MMP Update – Some discussion from Mr. Vadeboncoeur and Mr. Thompson regarding negative impacts on township tipping fees at landfill with less material going there.

Public Comment: None at this point, but subsequent topics did invite further comment.

Zoning Administrator's Report from Mr. Thompson noted noise nuisance complaint(s) between neighbors in Pine Creek Road vicinity that raised issues regarding the noise ordinance and the lack of decibel-reading instrumentation and Mr. Thompson's discussion with Sheriff's Dept. Possible issue with pink dumpsters on Indian Trail. Two new building permits near the Little Manistee River.

Committee Reports: None.

Old Business:

1) Cost recovery ordinance for fire department – no new developments.
2) Little Manistee River letter – no new developments, but Little Manistee Advisory Committee to meet next on October 16, 2025. Also discussed recent/ongoing construction at the weir for sea lamprey trap and barrier – another non-natural element to this part of the river. With a state legislator (Rep. VanderWall) here regarding MMP, could also address Little River issue(s) with him?
3) Master Plan: Color printed copies after the first round of edits were distributed for review. Further contact with the County Planning Director (Katie Gruenberg) is called for regarding appropriate demographic data to use as well as possibly acquiring the Adobe InDesign program to produce a final Master Plan (and possibly a separate updated Parks & Recreation Plan).
4) Schedule of meetings and public involvement this year: Public involvement uncertain/unlikely this calendar year, but regular monthly planning commission meetings called for on 1st Tuesday of each month through January 2026 (annual organizational meeting) on motion by Mr. Lindeman, 2nd by Mr. P. Landis, all approved, motion carried. Meetings will be October 7, November 4, and December 2, 2025, and on January 6, 2026.

New Business: Ideas for Township Improvement focused on what the planning commission would like to see on the Township's upgraded and updated website. There was much discussion regarding this, from blank forms or links thereto, similarly other documents (e.g., the Master Plan), maps, and possibly a capacity for Zoom conferencing and/or presentations. Perhaps a website presentation by Brian Veine or the webmaster on just how the website will or can work.

Other business to come before the commission: None.

Agenda for next meeting(s):

1) Review Master Plan edits to date and any other progress.
2) Communication/coordination with County Rec Plan (and new County Master Plan that has been all but approved?).
3) Cost recovery ordinance for fire department – any developments?
4) Little Manistee River issue(s) – any developments?
5) Input to Township website?

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Landis

Daniel Landis, Secretary