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

# Planning Commission

**Meeting Minutes Draft for April 7, 2026**

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

Members Present: Ted Batzer, Carl Lacki, Terry Lindeman, Phil Landis, and Dan Landis.
Also Present: Zoning Administrator Larry Thompson
Public Audience: None

Approved meeting agenda on motion by Terry Lindeman, 2nd by Carl Lacki, all approved, motion carried.

Approved minutes for March 3, 2026 meeting on motion by Terry Lindeman, 2nd by Carl Lacki, all approved, motion passed.

Communications:
1) Dickson Township notice of Master Plan update in process.

Public Comment: None

Zoning Administrator's Report:
1) Continuing issue(s) with parcel near N. Skocelas Rd and Pine Creek Rd regarding berm, etc., may be subject to EGLE complaint to be made.
2) RR map regarding ownership in Stronach still pending from RR authority in Florida. Also noted recent local newspaper article regarding RR reroute around Manistee Lake is an issue to continue monitoring.
3) The township's new Building Inspector is not very aggressive investigating township issues, including at least one that will proceed with a State (EGLE?) inspector's intervention with the PlanCom Secretary to play a role to avoid a conflict-of-interest situation.

Old Business:
1) Master Plan: Minimal progress on demographics and zoning texts for review, and no further zoning map updates yet - tabled to the next meeting with PlanCom Chairman and Secretary to meet separately before next meeting.
2) No review comments on PlanCom 2013 P&R Plan to update.

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3) PlanCom meeting schedule: Due to conflict with Consolidated Election Day on 1st Tuesday in May, date set for 2nd Tuesday (12 May) with June meeting back to 1st Tuesday (2 June). Probably will be no meetings in July and August with meetings to resume on 1 September.

New Business: Additional constructive ideas for township improvement?

1) Data Center issues with necessary power and water requirements may call for a moratorium on them in the township as suggested by Terry Lindeman. However, with special use permit protocols currently in place for any data center enterprise that may be proposed allows time for further study (cf. University of Michigan study of data centers vis a vis zoning) and response to any such proposal. This concern also to be presented to Board of Trustees in their monthly meeting tomorrow evening.
2) Child Care zoning issues in the township in relation to new State standards is to have a presentation tomorrow evening at the Board of Trustees meeting.
3) Electric speed signs to discourage speeding should be investigated further.

Other Business to come before the commission: None

Agenda for next meeting (April 7, 2026) to include Child Care zoning, Data Centers, RR reroute updates, Master Plan, and any feedback on P&R Plan review including potential spring inspection tour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Landis, Secretary

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