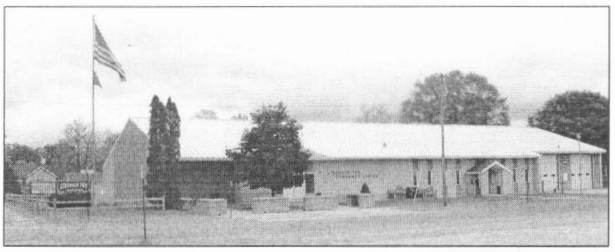

TOWNSHIP OF STRONACH
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Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Draft for May 12, 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: Standing room only with more than 300 people.

Approved meeting agenda on motion by Terry Lindeman, 2nd by Phil Landis, all approved, motion carried.

Approved minutes for April 7, 2026 meeting on motion by Phil Landis, 2nd by Terry Lindeman, all approved, motion passed.

Communications: None

Public Comment: 22 people signed the sheet to be heard, three of whom deferred their time to others. 19 people presented their comments all regarding data centers for 2-5 minutes each with all but one or two being negative. See separate compilation and related local newspaper articles.

Zoning Administration:

1) Mr. Joe Tondu presented information regarding his initial research into possibly putting an "AI Campus" (i.e., data center) along Stronach Road in the township. He was not greeted well by the audience, nor allowed to totally finish his presentation before departing. Subsequent crowd noise made it very difficult for the Planning Commission to coherently conduct the remainder of its business on the agenda.
2) Zoning Administrator's Report: There may be a variance issue coming up for the Zoning Board of Appeals, but not much else of significance.

Old Business:

1) Child Care Zoning & Education: tabled until next month.
2) RR Reroute: also tabled with presentation scheduled for Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow evening.

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3) Speed Signs: County Road Commission noted their effectiveness, and Planning Commission will review further next month.
4) Master Plan: Rewritten draft of Demographics section submitted to members for review next month along with zoning map updates not yet ready for review. See Board of Trustees meeting minutes from May 13 for more information regarding help with zoning and other Master Plan update texts and production.
5) No review comments on PlanCom 2013 P&R Plan to update.

New Business: Additional constructive ideas for township improvement? None that could be heard.

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, Speed Signs, Master Plan, and any feedback on P&R Plan review.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Landis

Daniel Landis, Secretary

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