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

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Draft for October 7, 2025

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Lacki at 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

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

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

Approved minutes for September 2, 2025 meeting on motion by Terry Lindeman, 2nd by Phil Landis, all approved (quorum), motion passed.

Communications: None.

Public Comment: None.

Zoning Administrator's Report: One building permit application of dubious merit currently under review, and series of complaints regarding foul-smelling smoke somewhere along or near Pine Creek Road. Next complaint will require citation for breaking township zoning ordinance and possibly involve sheriff's department.

Committee Reports: None.

Old Business:

1) Cost recovery ordinance for fire department – township board apparently intends to look to Norman Township ordinance as a model.
2) Little Manistee River issue(s) – apparently a state legislature bill has passed both House and Senate, yet to be signed by the Governor, that is in our favor regarding the exclusion of the river in Stronach Township in the designation of other parts of the river as part of the State's Natural Rivers Program.
3) Master Plan – There are issues with the zoning maps in terms of overlapping variables inaccurately portrayed by overlays for the application of current zoning

ordinances. Larry Thompson continues working on these maps as well as the attendant text. Dan Landis is reworking the demographics section with current census data from sources suggested by Katie Gruenberg, the County Planning Director. The topic of a Master Plan Review Checklist was suggested as an item to be considered later in the preparation process of updating/revising the current 2013 Master Plan.

4) Planning Commission parts of the Township Website upgrade were discussed with current revisions ongoing and in conjunction with the pending upgrade in the Township's telephone system.

New Business: One additional idea for Township improvement was suggested in some instances to use more durable construction elements to reduce long-term maintenance expenses.

No other business was brought before the commission.

Agenda for next meeting (November 4, 2025) to include further developments in each of the same four items as outlined above with particular attention to the Master Plan zoning maps.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Landis, Secretary