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

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Draft for November 4, 2025

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.
Members Absent: None.
Also Present was Zoning Administrator Larry Thompson.
Public Audience: Dorothy Batzer and Phil Vadeboncoeur.

Approved meeting agenda on motion by Phil Landis, 2nd by Carl Lacki, all approved, motion carried.

Approved minutes for September 2, 2025 meeting on motion by Phil Landis, 2nd by Ted Batzer, all approved, 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 – no further developments.
2) Little Manistee River issue(s) – apparently a dead issue for this year as excluded from state budget, at least for one year.
3) Master Plan – the "master" zoning map still has issues with the RR right-of-way in the village and with overlapping variables inaccurately portrayed by overlays for the application of current zoning ordinances. After much discussion, it was decided to eliminate the first two zoning districts of the 2013 Master Plan, for

which Larry Thompson will have the map rectified for next meeting. Attendant action by the Board of Trustees regarding zoning ordinances is also necessary. Dan Landis has progressed but slowly reworking the demographics section with more current census data; by the time of the next meeting this should be finished for review as well as necessary language changes to the text of the zoning portion of the Master Plan (Section 15.1).

4) The Township Website upgrade is still ongoing in conjunction with the pending upgrade in the Township's telephone system. Dan Landis did an initial set-up for the Planning Commission's telephone extension for messages last week, and all should be up and running soon.

New Business: One additional idea for Township improvement was suggested in the form of additional security cameras, particularly regarding potential vandalism of the Township's new sign, also soon to be installed.

No other business was brought before the commission.

Agenda for next meeting (December 2, 2025) to include further developments with the Master Plan zoning maps and text, as well as the website and telephone system.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Landis, Secretary