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

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Draft for October 6, 2026

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

Members Present: Ted Batzer, Terry Lindeman, Phil Landis, and Dan Landis
Absent: Carl Lacki
Also Present: Zoning Administrator Larry Thompson
Public Audience: One female reporter from News Advocate and Tom ??

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

Approved minutes for September 1, 2026 meeting on motion by Phil Landis, 2nd by Terry Lindeman, all approved, motion passed (quorum).

Communications:

1) From Katie Gruenberg, Manistee County Planning Director, re: County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan looking for review and approval by township boards in November, if possible, or December. Terry Lindeman will be sure that this is brought up at next Board of Trustees meeting next week. It was also suggested that a hard copy(ies) of said plan should be obtained for review.

Public Comment: None

Zoning Administration:

1) Zoning Administrator's Report: Ongoing issues with apparent structural modifications without a building permit in the village, as well as on White Pine Drive where a B&B rental situation that may have stresses on the private road, trash pick-up, noise, etc. Township Ordinances may be too outdated to apply at this time, which might be resolved by attorney review of the ordinances for suggestions for revision to conform to the forthcoming Master Plan. The firm previously contracted by the Planning Commission already has the complete texts of all Stronach Township Ordinances, and they appear to have the appropriate expertise.

Old Business:

1) Master Plan:
    a) Networks NW will have a representative at the next Board of Trustees meeting to report on the progress of the public survey for new Master Plan, aid in progressing further, and discuss the schedule.
    b) The Master Plan Committee (i.e., Ted Batzer and Dan Landis) will be continued to address any issues that arise between regularly scheduled meetings.
    c) October 22, 2026, 6:00-8:00 p.m. is clear at the hall for public engagement.
2) Parks & Rec Plan: The County-Wide P&R Plan is now out for review for township approval. That would allow for grant proposals without having a separate P&R Plan for the Township

New Business:

1) Recent training: Dan Landis has been through two 3-hr sessions so far at Hamlin Township Hall for MSUE's Citizen Planner course (six total sessions). Very well-done sessions and very informative with the last session focused on Master Plans. Somehow this information and viewpoints will be shared.
2) Additional constructive ideas for township improvement? A cost-effective variation of the speed signs issue resolution may be with lower-cost recent technology that could make three such signs a viable possibility.

Other Business to come before the commission: None

Agenda for next meeting (November 10, 2026) to include Master Plan Survey and Schedule and any other specific topics that may arise between now and then.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Landis, Secretary