

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb, Manchester, Michigan 48158**  
**Regular Meeting, September 3, 2020**  
**8:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Walter, Deena McIntosh, Doni McLennan, Dave Thompson, John Seefeld, George Daubner, and Sybil Kolon

Members Absent: None

Others Present: John Enos, Ron Milkey (8700 Sharon Hollow Rd. Manchester), Michael Fusilier (16400 Herman Rd. Manchester), Gene DeRossett (327 Woodhaven Place Manchester), Silas Bialecki and Sarah Felder (11983 Noggles Rd. Manchester)

Notetaker: Nathan Booth

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Kolon with a second by Dauber to approve the agenda as written. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kolon with a second by Dauber to approve the minutes of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT --- (Limit to 2 minutes, please state name and address)

There is no comment at this time.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

I. Report of Chairperson

Walter- thank you to the board members for joining the joint workshop. We should do this more often. It was very beneficial for everybody involved.

II. Report of Township Board Representative

There was discussion of the Township Board Meeting. Minutes of the meeting were provided.

III. Report of Zoning Board of Appeals

Walter- There was a meeting. Two people asked for permits for variance. One was a side setback and one was a front yard setback. The person requesting the side setback asked for a 20 foot setback and was granted an 18 foot setback to avoid cutting down trees. None of the neighbors or

members of the public had any issue with this request. For the front yard setback the board decided to grant the request. There seems to be more and more activity in the township with permits being pulled.

#### IV. Report of Planning Consultant

Enos- The state planning conference is virtual this year. If interested go to Michigan Association of Planning.

#### V. Reports of Committees

##### i. SWWCOG

Dauber- There was a meeting at Freedom Town Hall.

Kolon- The meeting was well attended. They are working on putting cellular hotspots in township halls that don't have one. Washtenaw County Road Commission had handouts for proposed projects which are funded by the road mileage that was just passed. The MSU extension worker was present regarding a meat processing and kill facility. Due to limited meat processing facilities in the area there is interest in opening one within our area. Freedom township was very deceptive of the idea. The school superintendent mentioned that in person school will start Sept. 8th. The next SWWCOG meeting will be December 2nd at 7PM.

##### ii. Joint Planning Commission

McIntosh- The officer election was held.

Walter- The owners of the Manchester Market building are working hard and fast to get the building ready for use for a bakery and soon to be butcher shop. They are still planning to do retail in the near future. They are trying to partner with the Acorn Market to be able to utilize local farmers as much as possible.

#### VI. Correspondence

McIntosh- There will be a meeting on the Sharon Township master plan on September 27th. You can download a draft of the plan online.

#### F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### I. Wedding/Event Barns

Walter- We talked earlier as a group between commissioners and board members.

##### II. Second Homes/Tiny Houses

Walter- We talked earlier as a group between commissioners and board members.

#### G. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business at this time.

#### H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Kolon- Is there going to be any discussion about the confidential meeting with the lawyers regarding the short term rentals.

Walter- The attorneys gave us direction.

Thompson- The road commission is wasting money and resources making roads like Ely road and some others unsafe, and undesirable. They narrowed the road and made ditches and put dusty limestone on the roads.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT --- (Limit to 2 minutes, please state name and address)

DeRosset- Thank you for hosting the meeting. Thank you for all your work.

NEXT MEETING: *Regular Meeting – Thursday 10/1/2020 8:00 p.m.*

J. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kolon with a second by Dauber to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion Carried.

8:31 p.m.