

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb, Manchester, Michigan 48158**  
**Regular Meeting, December 5, 2019**  
**8:00 p.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Gene DeRossett (327 Woodhaven Place) and Pat Vaillencourt

Notetaker: Annelise Baron

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kolon with a second by McIntosh to approve the minutes of the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended to fix a spelling error. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Vaillencourt: I sent out an email to those involved in SWWCOG. We've arranged a meeting at the Bridgewater Township Hall in January. Freedom and Sharon Township have not yet responded, but hopefully they are able to attend.

DeRossett: I attended the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners get-together last night. There has not been a decision regarding whether or not the Board of Commissioners is going to take over the Washtenaw County Road Commission. I have a feeling that they will leave it as is, but add two more road commissioners. Also, we've received the report for road funding for 2020. I think the village will be very happy, especially as there is money allocated for the resurfacing of Dutch Drive.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

I. Report of Chairperson

Walter: Everyone should have a copy of the calendar for the 2020 regular meetings. Currently, the July meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Is there an interest in changing it to the 9<sup>th</sup> for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

Kolon: We may also want to change the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to the 9<sup>th</sup> because of New Years.

McLennan: I think we should change both.

Walter: Sounds good. Also, John Enos has informed me that Doan was hoping to come before us with a final site plan and proposal by January.

## II. Report of Township Board Representative

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

## III. Report of Zoning Board of Appeals

There has not been a meeting.

## IV. Report of Planning Consultant

There are no comments at this time.

## V. Reports of Committees

### i. SWWCOG

There has not been a meeting.

### ii. Joint Planning Commission

McIntosh: We met tonight. At our next meeting we will look to see whose terms need renewal. We received an update from Pat Vaillencourt about village happenings and discussed the updates on the campground approval and the cemetery. Currently, our meetings for 2020 will be February 6<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 at the Township Hall.

## VI. Correspondence

There has been no correspondence.

## F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### I. Wedding/Event Barns

Walter: We all have copies of an AG tourism ordinance from another township. We need to decide if this is something we want to take further action on or leave as is. If we proceed with this, that means we will need to look at verbiage for wedding barns.

Thompson: I suggest we wait until our planning consultant is here.

Walter: Sounds good. Please look over the ordinance and come back with any suggestions. I want to ensure we give it enough discussion to decide if it is something we want to address.

## G. NEW BUSINESS

Seefeld: At the last Township Board meeting we discussed short term rentals. I know that at our last Planning Commission meeting, we decided not to take further action. However, the

Township Board would like to see something done about it. They liked the idea of a 30 day minimum rental period.

Walter: We can certainly bring it back up again. I will let our planning consultant know so we are ready to discuss it at our next meeting. There is active legislation going through Lansing right now regarding short-term rentals. If it goes through, it will most likely limit our ability to regulate short-term rentals, if it doesn't supercede us altogether.

Kolon: Did the Township Board discuss enforcement? The 30 day minimum won't prevent anything if we don't enforce it.

Seefeld: They wish to see stronger regulations in our ordinances. During the AshKay Island trial, our current ordinance was brought up and apparently was not enough to sway the judges decision.

Thompson: We discussed the 30 day minimum, and even our planning consultant said it was unnecessary.

Walter: We'll add it back on the agenda for next meeting.

#### H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

There are no comments at this time.

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

DeRossett: I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work.

**NEXT MEETING: *Regular Meeting – Thursday 1/9/2020 8:00 p.m.***

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

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

8:25 p.m.

X Dana M. Clark

Secretary

X Annalise Krumm

Recording Secretary