

PINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

7900 W. Second Street, Stanton, MI 48888

MINUTES

Minutes of January 12, 2026 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Christensen, followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Gary Christensen, Chair; Bob Andresen, **Vice Chair**; Jamie Gorby, Secretary; Darcy Krause, Board Liaison; Chris Bell; Derek Buchholz **Vice Chair**; Dan Main

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Buchholz, supported by Krause, to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2025 MINUTES

Main moved, supported by Krause, to approve the minutes as written.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Master Plan – McKenna Planning Presentation – Ethan Senti**

The Master Plan was last updated in 2009. The PC is required by law to determine whether the Master Plan needs to be updated. Ethan Senti was brought in for the commission to learn the services offered by his company if an update is undertaken. He gave a brief overview of the services offered by McKenna Planning and the cost involved.

The minimum cost would be \$2,000.00, or \$21,500.00 if all services are utilized.

A smaller community typically has a smaller Master Plan.

A community survey would typically involve 15-30 questions.

Recommendations for minimum services to complete this project consisted of

1.1 Identifying existing conditions @\$2500

1.2 Mapping @ \$1000

3. Goals/Objectives @\$1500

5. Future Land Use @ \$3000

6. Implementation @ \$2000

7. Adoption @ \$1000

Plus additional 4 meetings that need to occur alongside this process @\$500 per meeting for a total of \$2000

The PC estimated that this project could be completed for \$15,000 as outlined.

Time frame to update: 8-12 months, longer if special PC meetings are not held during the process

A contract would be entered to retain the services. Senti said the quote would be good for a couple of months.

Billing would be monthly.

How to survey non-resident property owners and renters was discussed.

- **County Junk Ordinance**

Township Supervisor Bill Drews has sent a copy of the proposed County Junk Ordinance and a copy of the Pine Township Blight Ordinance to the Township attorney for opinion on the enforceability of each. A question of whether noise was included in the County ordinance was asked. Drews will ask the attorney. It was noted that details of the complaint process was not specified in the document.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Noise Ordinance**

Gorby moved, supported by Bell to table action on the noise ordinance until after opinion from the Township attorney is received regarding whether noise is covered in the proposed County Junk Ordinance.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Kaaikala commented on the purpose of the Master Plan.

Supervisor Drews suggested the PC consider regulation on motor home/RV on private property.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Main , supported by Andresen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

MOTION PASSED

The next quarterly meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jamie Gorby, Secretary

Minutes typed by Barbara Kaaikala, Recording Secretary