

PINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

7900 W. Second Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Minutes of February 9, 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; Derek Buchholz, Vice Chair; Jamie Gorby, Secretary; Darcy Krause, Board Liaison; Bob Andresen

Absent: Chris Bell, Dan Main

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Gorby, supported by Buchholz, to approve an amended agenda moving Master Plan/McKenna Planning Contract ahead of County Junk Ordinance/Noise Ordinance and to correct the date at the top of the agenda. MOTION PASSED

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2026 MINUTES

Krause moved, supported by Andresen, to approve the amended minutes, correcting Derek Buchholtz's title as vice chair. MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Township Supervisor Drews invited the Planning Commission members to a workshop on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 10:30 AM. Tom Christian of Dickinson Wright will be doing a presentation on township blight issues. In addition, he has been made aware of a mapping company in Rockford that will provide maps such as used in a Master Plan for \$120.00.

Dawn Sweet provided the PC with additional information regarding the services McKenna recently provided to Cato Township and the cost involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Master Plan/McKenna Planning Contract

Krause reported McKenna's responses to her questions that were sent via email. Printing and postage are not included in the survey cost estimate. The quote will be valid through 2026. There is an option for the contract to be split over two fiscal years.

The contract was discussed in detail.

Gorby moved, supported by Buchholz, to add the community survey to the contract the quoted cost of \$2,000.00. MOTION PASSED

Krause will present the recommendation to the Board to accept the quoted \$13,000.00 contract with the addition of the community survey at the quoted cost of \$2,000.00 and the PC requested budget "buffer" of \$2,000.00 in case of unforeseen costs, for a total budget request of \$17,000.00. If the recommendations are approved, Krause will contact McKenna to set up a start date.

OLD BUSINESS

County Junk Ordinance/Noise Ordinance

Tabled to the April 13, 2026 quarterly meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Sweet asked for an update on local townships who have contracted with law enforcement agencies for ordinance enforcement.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENT

Buchholz suggested that the PC consider an ordinance dealing with data centers, which are becoming an issue around the State.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gorby, supported by Krause, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 P.M.

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