

# PINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

7900 W. Second Street, Stanton, MI 48888

## Minutes of July 14, 2025 Quarterly 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, Vice Chair; Jamie Gorby, Secretary; Darcy Krause, Board Liaison; Bob Andresen; Derek Buchholz;

**Absent:** Chris Bell, Dan Main

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Gorby , supported by Andresen, to approve the agenda with addition of Fences under Old Business.  
MOTION PASSED

### APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2025 MINUTES

Buchholz moved, supported by Andresen, to approve the minutes as written. MOTION PASSED

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Leslie Rydahl, Pine Township – Will PC ask Board for additional extra meetings, or return to quarterly meetings?  
Laura Johnson, Pine Township – Question about CREO adoption; provided information about EGLE grants to townships that have wind/solar units.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Pine Township Ordinance Review**

Chapter 3 – General Provisions

Section 3.11 – Fences

Gorby moved, supported by Krause to add after the last sentence of letter A “All fences, regardless of construction materials, must be reasonably aesthetic for the location.”

MOTION PASSED

Chapter 16 Special Land Use

Section 16.02 – Application and Review Procedures

Section 16.02 B – Gorby moved, supported by Buchholz, to add “to the Zoning Administrator” between the word “submitted” and the words “at least thirty (30) days”.

MOTION PASSED

Section 16.02 D – Gorby moved, supported by Christensen, to add the word “relevant” to the last sentence, so that the sentence reads “including recommendations or reports from the Township planner, engineer, or other relevant party”.

Section 16.02 E - Gorby moved, supported by Andresen, to add to the first sentence the word “owners” and to change the word “located” to “reside” so that the sentence reads “regardless of whether the noticed property owners or occupants reside in the Township.”

MOTION PASSED

Section 16.02 F – Gorby moved, supported by Buchholz, to insert the word “public” between the words “the record” in the last sentence so that the sentence reads “incorporated into the public record.” MOTION PASSED

Section 16.04 – Special Land Use Specific Requirements

Buccholz moved, supported by Gorby, to change the word "Sales" under MM in the introduction to the word "Businesses" so that MM in the introduction matches MM "Wholesale Businesses" in the main portion of Section 16.04. MOTION PASSED

Section 16.04 F 6 – Gorby moved, supported by Andresen, to correct the word "none" immediately preceding the number "9" to read "nine". MOTION PASSED

Section 16.04 V Open Air Businesses  
Andresen moved, supported by Christensen, to make no changes to this section. MOTION PASSED

Chapter 13 – Manufactured Home Parks – no changes

### **NEW BUSINESS AND/OR COMMUNICATION**

- **Citizen Concerns Updating Master Plan**

PC directed Krause to request the Board provide copies of the Master Plan to every PC member before the next PC meeting so that review of the Master Plan can begin.

- **Schedule Public Hearing Regarding CREO Adoption**

- **Election of Officers, Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Gorby moved, supported by Andresen to elect Gary Christensen as Chairman of the PC. MOTION PASSED

Gorby moved, supported by Andresen to elect Derek Buchholz as Vice Chairman of the PC. MOTION PASSED

Andresen moved, supported by Krause, to reelect Jamie Gorby as Secretary of the PC. MOTION PASSED

Gorby moved, supported by Buchholz, to reappoint Barbara Kaaikala as recording secretary for the PC. MOTION PASSED

- **Meeting Schedule 2025-2026**

Quarterly meetings for fiscal year 2025-2026 will begin at 5:00 P.M. on October 13, 2025, January 12, 2026, April 13, 2026, and July 13, 2026.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA**

Dawn Sweet, Pine Township – Cato Township PC reviewed Cato Master Plan last year and had a professional present who led the PC step by step through the process. She recommended this method to the Pine PC.

Supervisor Drews noted that the Board may be asking the PC to draft an ordinance to address potential No Parking zones during the Bass tournaments on Rainbow Lake.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Gorby, supported by Buchholz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 P.M. MOTION PASSED

Minutes submitted by Jamie Gorby, Secretary

Minutes typed by Barbara Kaaikala, Recording Secretary