

TOWNSHIP OF STRONACH
Planning Commission
(Manistee County)
2471 Main St RR3
Manistee Michigan, 49660

Stronach Township Planning Meeting – July 1, 2020

Call meeting to order with pledge at 6:30 pm.

Present were: Carl Lacki, Ann Hooghart, Bob Rishel, Connie Tewes, Phil Landis, Larry Thompson, Zoning Administrator. Motion made by Hooghart to accept the meeting agenda for July 1, 2020. Second by Landis and motion carried. Motion made by Landis to accept the June 17, 2020 planning meeting minutes as presented. Second by Hooghart with motion carried.

Public comment: A representative for the Township insurance carrier, Adam Gandolfi, spoke on insurance liability for the river access property, which he had visited. He commented that safety improvements would lessen liability and thought it was a good decision by the Township. One important note to remember is that if improvements are made, they should be regularly monitored, logged, and maintained by a designated individual. Proving negligence has a high bar to meet and this would make it difficult to prove.

Phil Landis asked who would be considered a designated individual. It needs to be not a temporary committee member, but instead someone such as a board member.

Larry Thompson commented that the Township only has liability for the site, and not in or on the river itself. Terry Lindeman added that the property is not a public swimming area.

Zoning Administrator Report: 3 complaints on fireworks usage, one on landscaping out at the cemetery. The Tondus are still exploring options for the planned facility on their property.

Communications: *Township Focus* and *Michigan Planner* distributed to board members.

Committee Reports: Terry Lindeman for the River Property Access committee reported that survey results are pending for Township property. Tom Walden reported that the Board of Review is meeting on Wednesday, July 22nd at 2 p.m.

Old Business:

- 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance Public Hearing – Will take place on Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:30 in the Township Hall.
- Tondus facility update – addressed in the Zoning Administrator's report.
- Skocelas Fire barn – Members of the board and interested residents are invited to meet at the Skocelas Rd building at 7:30 on Monday, July 20th. The committee will meet directly afterwards.
- ORV – This will be put on the next month's agenda for consideration of potential public hearing dates.

- River access property – A date for a public hearing will be set at the next planning meeting. It will occur before a public hearing for the ORV issue.

New Business:

Master Plan Review/Update – Minutes from the 2017 planning meeting at which the master plan was last reviewed will be sent to Bob Rishel before the August 5 meeting. Issues to consider include updating the census numbers in the Master Plan and including results of the river access property survey. The property itself is likely already in the Master Plan under the Parks and Recreation section.

The Master Plan will stay on the agenda for the near future.

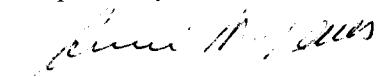
Public Comment - Some discussion and comments on the performance of the State of MI building inspector and Manistee County consideration of county-wide zoning administration.

August 5 Meeting Agenda

- Public Hearing July 22nd - recap
- River property public hearing date
- Master Plan update
- ORV update/hearing date

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie M. Tewes
Stronach Township Planning Commission Secretary