

McNamara called the Raisin Charter Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Laura VanSickle, Marcus McNamara, Mike Bartolo, Mark Spohr

Members Absent: Dale Witt, Excused

Others Present:

Roll Call:

Witt – Excused

Spohr – here

Bartolo – here

McNamara – here

VanSickle – here

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Bartolo, Spohr support.

Motion carried unanimously

MINUTES

Motion to approve the December 9, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted by Spohr, McNamara support.

Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT - (Please state your name, address and limit comments to (3) minutes)

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Township Board – nothing available
2. Board Of Appeals – Quarterly Meeting next week.
3. Other – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinances Revisions to Region II. Nothing is available at this time.
 - a. Solar –
 - b. Accessory Buildings –
 - c. Sign Illumination ordinance -
 - d. Chicken Permit –

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers 2026

Witt is the Township Board liaison

Planning Commission Chairman

VanSickle nominates McNamara as chairman by VanSickle, Spohr support.

Witt, excused

Spohr - yes

Bartolo - yes

VanSickle - yes

McNamara, accepts

Planning Commission Vice Chairperson

McNamara nominates Bartolo as Vice Chairperson, Spohr support.

Witt, excused

Spohr - yes

VanSickle - yes

McNamara – yes

Bartolo, accepts

Planning Commission Secretary

McNamara nominates VanSickle as Secretary, Bartolo support.

Witt, excused

Spohr - yes

Bartolo - yes

McNamara – yes

VanSickle, accepts

2. 5-Year Review Raisin Township Master Plan

McNamara, this needs to be addressed with Region II staff. There is a cost associated with this assistance. Start with the Board for approval. Confirm with Region II that they will have staff to assist and confirm a cost.

Bartolo, last changes made to 5-year plan reviewed. McNamara, to request the Township Board to ask Region II for assistance and the fee associated. We could review and have items to discuss already in order for the March meeting. Spohr needs a copy of the final 5-year Master Plan. The final Master Plan was adopted by the Planning Commission on July 13, 2021. This is about a 9-month process. There's a public hearing process for this and adoption by the end of 2026.

McNamara will contact Township Supervisor to get the request from Region II with the cost associated for the 5-year Master Plan Review.

2nd PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robin Elkins 2965 Gady Road. With the Master Plan update. Data Center concerns and not enough property to have a Data Center here. Are there smaller land parcels that could operate as a substation?

Kelly Williams, Occidental Hwy. Concerns with Data Center, during the December meeting, it was mentioned that there is no open parcel of land that is zoned industrial for a Data Center. They could purchase several properties together and get it rezoned industrial. We need to be proactive on this topic.

Kelly Williams, Ordinance revisions, we are awaiting on Region II responses. Chicken Permit Concern. Current ordinance allows for only 4 chickens on property. We need to look at allowing more than 4 egg-laying chickens because residents buy eggs from residents who have chicken eggs for sale and 4 chickens don't produce enough eggs on a daily basis. McNamara will review this with Witt.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Bartolo, looking forward to upcoming projects

VanSickle, next meeting March 10, 2026.

McNamara, Data Center is a hot topic right now. Township Supervisor has been contacted by multiple people regarding Data Center concerns. Board has been approached to put a moratorium on this topic/ordinance. In the Township the current zoning for Data Centers would only be allowed on an industrial-zoned area property. As reviewing the Master Plan and zoning, the Township is Agricultural. Consent judgment (a judge's decision) governs what happens to the property. Density, nature of use, etc. Your ordinance is not valid. Concerns with Data Center usage is with electricity power and water use. Most properties that would be farm land and Data Centers are not allowed on agricultural-zoned land.

Next meeting items

Ordinance update
Master Plan Review

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:07pm by McNamara, Bartolo support.

Motion carried unanimously