Raisin Charter Township
Planning Commission
Minutes of 09/08/2026
Submitted by Laura VanSickle

McNamara called the Raisin Charter Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Kade Peck, Region 2

**Roll Call:**
Witt – here
Spohr – here
Bartolo – here
McNamara – here
VanSickle – here

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Spohr, Bartolo support.
Motion carried unanimously

**MINUTES**
Motion to approve the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes as submitted by McNamara, Witt 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 – Witt reported that the Board meeting will be September 14th. Asked to prepare the draft fiscal budget for 2027 that will be discussed by the Board. Submitted an increase in meeting wages for PC members. Submitted a $10,000 line item for assistance to the PC for ordinance development.
2. Board Of Appeals – No activity, no appeals.
3. Other – none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinances Revisions to Region II.** Solar Battery Storage, Accessory Buildings and Sign Illumination ordinances are still being reviewed.

Approved

a. Solar Battery Storage – please review the information sent to members.
b. Accessory Buildings – revisions are not completed.
c. Sign Illumination ordinance – changes to be reviewed.
d. Data Centers – Moratorium in place. Sample MTA ordinance sent to members for review.

**2. 5-Year Review Raisin Township Master Plan – Region II, Kade Peck**

Kade Peck distributed updates for the Raisin Township Water maps. The Master Plan survey has only had 7 responses to date. Has survey been posted on Facebook and Township Website? Witt has forwarded the survey flyer to Township Clerk for website posting. Need to figure out a way to get the word out to get responses from Township residents. Does the Township have a Facebook page to post? Kade will present a revised table on actions and responsibilities. McNamara, did we establish a deadline date for survey responses? Kade, do we want to adjust date due to the low responses? McNamara, publish in the Tecumseh Herald. Extended the date for a month and if not enough responses, still include survey in the Master Plan. WLEN announcement? Witt to contact Tecumseh Herald. VanSickle to contact WLEN.

Witt, asked Kade have you sent out the letter to surrounding districts informing the jurisdictions of our intent to update our Master Plan? Kade has the letter of intent and will send the information to Witt. The Clerk is responsible for mailing the notice to surrounding districts. Bartolo, why surrounding districts? Kade, to see if there could be any objections to the Master Plan that could affect the surrounding jurisdiction.

Kade, have you reviewed the Future Land Use Map? From past conversations, and recent rezone and land use changes in the township, this map will require some updates. McNamara, the county land use map needs to be updated. Kade will contact Lenawee County to get updates for the township. Witt, soil map and recharge map should be reviewed and updated. Kade will be providing updates for the Master Plan maps.

Kade, who will send updated information on the Master Plan maps? McNamara, start with Lenawee County. Kade will contact Lenawee County Equalization / GIS for an updated map of changes for the township. Region 2 action items:

- Letter of Intent to surrounding districts
- County GIS maps
- Draft of Master Plan by the end of September

Witt, there is a 63 day shot clock for the review and comment on the draft Master Plan after Board approval of the draft. When could we have a draft of a complete Master Plan? Kade could have one done by the end of September. Will need to complete the Future Land Use Maps together. Witt, the survey needs to be included in the Master Plan. If we don't get the responses, we need to indicate that we tried.

**3. DJW Condominium Preliminary Finals Site Plan Review, Parcel # RA0-117-2205-00 located at 2000 Gady Road Block, approximately 20.22 acres listing deficiencies and requirements to complete the final.**

McNamara, where are we with this and the attorney? Witt, the ingress / egress for the parcel has to be

Approved

shown on the site plan drawings. The township attorney indicates this is an incomplete site plan application. The public notice that was prepared for the public hearing for this project was found to be correct. Only one notice needs to be prepared. McNamara, the roads and land descriptions all needs to be listed on the Site Plan.

**Motion to table the DJW Condominium Preliminary Finals Site Plan Review, Parcel # RA0 117-2205-00 until such time a complete application is submitted all together, 14 days before the PC meeting by McNamara, Witt support.**
**Motion unanimously carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**
None

**2nd PUBLIC COMMENTS**:
None

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Spohr, feedback on new roundabout. McNamara, seems to be working well.
- Witt, information received at the township that ITC possibly wants to run a high power tension power line thru Lenawee County.
- Bartolo, who is responsible in the Township for setting up for the meetings in RC. Raisin Works Department has a schedule of all of the meetings for setting them up. Witt will inform the staff involved.
- VanSickle, Next meeting is October 13, 2026

Next meeting items
Ordinance update
Master Plan Review

**ADJOURNMENT**
Motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. by McNamara, Witt support.
Motion carried unanimously

Approved