

NORWICH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025 7pm

7213 North Cypress Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order: 7:00pm

Attendance: Jill Gregory, Marcia Stroko, Angela Barnes, Ezra Scott, Richelle Boerma, Jennifer Kailing,

Absent: Ruth Scott

Public Attendance: None

Approval of Minutes

1. December 4, 2024 meeting minutes: approval motion made by Jennifer Kailing to approve seconded by Angela Barnes. Motion carried.
2. Zoning Administrators Report: reviewed and no questions

Unfinished Business:

- Sexton job description and salary
 - Change folks to people
 - Richelle B. to create final version with these changes and send to the board
 - Jennifer K. to confirm in next meeting who is proceeding with the public hearing for the ordinance
- Update on resident survey for Master Plan
 - Remove the law enforcement mention
 - Make changes Richelle suggested over email
 - Correct growth
 - Correct road maintenance and construction
 - Correct Active farmlands
 - Take off snow plowing since it is not under our control
 - Combine 2 to say: Junk Cars/Trash
 - Remove “Loss of farmland to residential use”
 - Remove “farmland should be persevered in norwich township
 - Correct underdeveloped land state to say protect not protracted
 - Correct “Green construction project to be more clear (add renewable energy in parentheses)
 - Change wording of “where to live” to A place to live
 - Remove “It is important to slow the conversion of Township farmland to development”
 - Make boxes for the each of the options so they can check or circle each one
 - Add note to link to online option
 - Add note that this is one per household (talk with Ryan how to word that?)
 - Add wording on how to return it and note a deadline
 - Get an amazon cardboard box or something for Stacie to drop them off. Go through them in our following meeting in September
 - Deadline for turning them in should be August 1st
 - Need to send them out by June 1st for Summer taxes
 - Richelle to send to the board for review after Ruth sends the updated copy and we all approve

- Deadline for the results is the next master plan
 - Ask Ruth to check with Ryan how we are publishing this
 - Amendment to a plan vs review since we are doing a new survey
 - No new maps or census
 - Jen has some copies from MSU Extension Land Use Series
 - Jen to ask board for increase in meetings in 2026 and 2027 to prep master plan
 - Annie makes a motion to adjourn, Jen seconds it 8:03

Public Comment: None

New Business: None

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Adjournment: made a motion for adjournment Angela Barnes, seconded Jen Kailing at 8:03pm