



# Michiana Planning Commission

Village of Michiana, 10 EST

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# Master Plan Principles

- Improve our 2005 Master Plan
- Simple and Efficient
  - We are a small beach community with little land development and commercial need; our plan and approach should reflect the size, character and needs.
- Sustainability
  - An integrated planning process embedded into our village culture and working processes.
- Collaboration
  - Village Council, Village Departments
  - Community Engagement
  - Planning Commission

# Meeting Agenda

1. Master Planning Status and Schedule
  - ▶ Workplan Status
  - ▶ Survey Results
2. Project Structure - Planning Commission/Master Plan Task Force
  - ▶ Roles and Responsibilities
  - ▶ Summer Structure
3. Planning Commission Next Steps
  - ▶ Charter and ByLaws
4. Discussion

# 1. Master Plan Project Status

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Organize  
Project

## Community Engagement

Survey 1- Vision, Goals



## Assessments

Community Profile



Department  
Assessments

In Progress

Changes Michigan  
Municipal Planning  
Enabling Act

## Master Plan

Draft Initial Sections

In Progress

August –  
September

October - April

Planning

## Community Engagement

Survey 2 - Priorities

Community Workshop  
(July)

Beaches  
Parks and Recreation  
Public Works  
Safety and Police  
Building and Zoning  
Environment/Trees  
Rentals  
Village Governance

May - July

## Action Plan

Draft Vision, Goals and  
Objectives

Priority Setting

Action Plan

Draft Master Plan

## Master Plan

Draft Final Sections

August

## Approval

Draft Approved

Submit for Public  
Comment

PC and  
VC Approval

Town Hall meeting

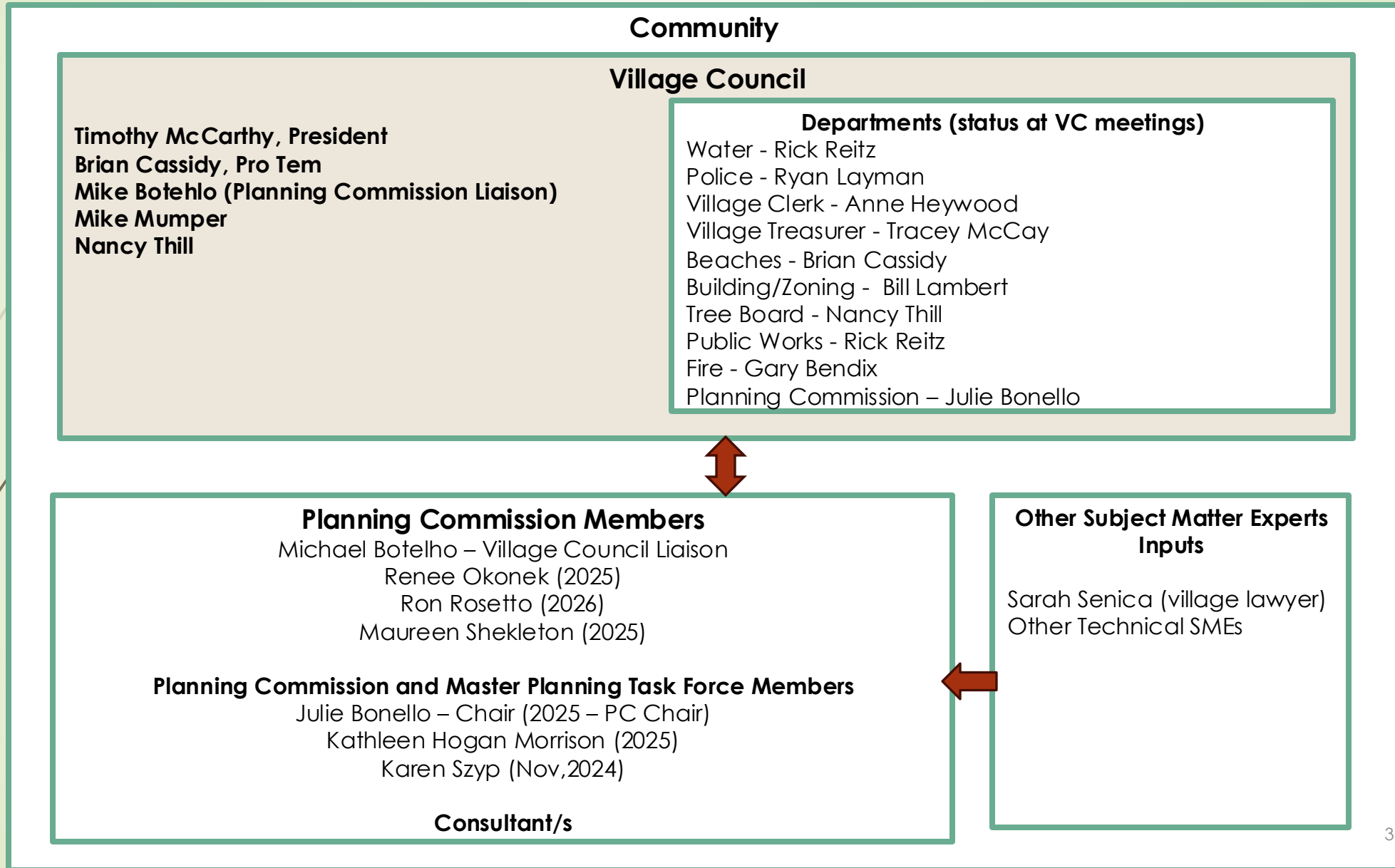
September - Oct

# 1. Master Plan Survey – Initial Summary


- Strong Community Response – 232 responses
  - Question: How many households responded? Can we align respondents to households?  
**Karen Szyp** following up with Village Office
  - Continued question for next survey – respondents vs. one per household
- Rental questions not enlightening; greater depth needed for Survey 2 and Workshop.  
**Karen Szyp** also following up on data the Village keeps or can get on rentals.
- Question 6 and 7 regarding adult and children use of services during summer months not enlightening. Rework for second survey.
- Question 8 – Need to have respondents choose from an accurate list of stops; need to know stop used vs. stop assigned.
- Question 10 - What do you like most. **Kathleen Hogan Morrison** is simplifying categories.
- Question 11 - State desired improvements. Recategorize along Village departments. (**SWMPC**)
- The Beaches was identified as liked the most and also the category of greatest improvement request by respondents.
- More work is ongoing to summarize findings

# 2. Project Structure

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## 2. Project Structure – Meeting Schedule

### Planning Commission (TBD)

- Approves Master Plan and presents to Village Council
- Reports to the Village Council
- Provide yearly report on Master Plan
- Advised on capital improvement plans
- Develops and submits action on zoning ordinance amendments
- Determines the Planning Commission Charter and Bylaws
- Appointed community members for a term, meeting at least quarterly

### Master Planning Task Force

- Short term or Advisory Task Force for the development or update of Master Plan
- Reports to the Planning Commission
- Develops ongoing process for maintaining and reporting on Master Plan
- Meetings twice/month



## 3. Planning Commission Next Steps

- Developing the Planning Commission Charter and Bylaws
  - The Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) is a statute that regulates various local planning procedures and provides duties and power to planning commissions in the state. The purpose of this act was to create a single set of procedures to follow regardless of whether planning is being done by a city, village, township, or by a county. After September 1, 2008 (the effective date of the act) the MPEA replaced the following statutes:
    - P.A. 285 of 1931, as amended, (being the Municipal Planning Act, M.C.L. 125.31 et seq.)
    - P.A. 282 of 1945, as amended, (being the County Planning Act, M.C.L. 125.101 et seq.)
    - P.A. 168 of 1959, as amended, (being the Township Planning Act, M.C.L. 125.321 et seq.)The MPEA requires a comprehensive set of bylaws for a planning commission.
- Initial Bylaw Draft – Sara Senica
- Discussion - Next Steps





Thank you

