

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2026, 11:30 EST, Village Hall, Village of Michiana

Attendance: Commission Members: Kathleen Hogan Morrison, Ron Rossetto, Maureen Shekleton, and Karen Szyp, as well as one member of the public.

1. Maureen Shekleton called the meeting to order at 11:30 EST. Roll call was taken and the agenda was reviewed.
2. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting on November 14, 2025. All members present voted aye.
3. At the November Planning Commission meeting, there was discussion about placing the draft Master Plan on the village website but that was delayed until it had been reviewed by village attorney Sara Senica.
4. The Commission members reviewed a letter from village attorney Sara Senica dated February 27, 2026, outlining two items for revision to the Master Plan document as requested by the Village Council members.
 - a. The first item requested the deletion of each mention of “new governance structures” and committees from the document, as well as the addition of a new paragraph added after paragraph 2 of the Action Work Plan section of the document. The Commission members agreed that the priorities and recommendations in the draft Master Plan were the result of careful evaluation of community input from the surveys and workshop, and that the intent of this inclusion in the Action Work Plan was to provide suggestions to help expedite the plan, and for Council consideration. The Commission members agreed to execute the requested changes. Chairperson Bonello will delete suggestions for governance structure changes from the action plan. Master Plan task force member Seymour Turner was identified as working to quantify data from the community participation of the Master Plan process in the development of the Action Work Plan, and to include an accountability paragraph in Chapter 5.
 - b. The second item requested the deletion of all references to minimum lot size restrictions. Planning Commission Chairperson Julie Bonello and SWMPC consultant Marcy Hamilton have requested clarification with regard to zoning pertaining to this matter.

5. Steps to update the draft Master Plan were identified as follows:
 - a. Master Plan Task Force member Seymour Turner will provide the quantitative data, and accountability paragraph to Chairperson Bonello. Chairperson Bonello will provide governance/committee edits and speak with Sara Senica to gain clarity on minimum lot size and zoning. Chairperson Bonello will then submit all revisions to consultant Marcy Hamilton, who will then produce a new draft for review by attorney Sara Senica. Then the new draft will be reviewed and submitted to Village Council for approval.
6. Old Business – The Planning Commission Bylaw approval is awaiting review by village attorney Sara Senica.
7. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Friday, April 10, at 11:00 EST, to approve the final draft of the Master Plan for distribution to Village Council.
8. Public comments were addressed throughout the meeting. Resident Pam Schutt commented that the Planning Commission members have done a great job.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm EST.