

**Michiana Village Planning Commission Meeting**  
**June 14 at 11:30 a.m. (EST)**

Michael Botelho called the meeting to order, roll call was taken. In attendance were Kathleen Hogan Morrison, Karen Szyg, Renee O'Rourke and Julie Bonello. Mike Botelho excused Ron Rossetto and Maureen Shekleton. There were 8 residents present.

**MEETING AGENDA**

- **Master Plan** –Crystal Welsh from Abonmarche attended the meeting and gave a brief summary of the proposal they presented to the Planning Board two years ago. They made sure the Village regulations and requirements are up to date with the State of Michigan. Crystal said if we were to move forward working with Abonmarche on our existing Master Plan, the proposal had gone to \$29,000 from the last proposal submitted. Crystal gave three references of Master Plans her company worked on: Galesburg, North Liberty, and Zanesville. Karen Szyg mentioned MSU and SWMPC has programs that work with municipalities on Master Plans. Karen will look at their programs and report back her findings.
- **Current State of Master Plan** – Mike Botelho asked if the current Master Plan was out of compliance with the State and if our ordinances needed to be redone. Crystal felt we were in good standing and just some cleaning up needed to be done. She also felt our ordinances didn't need to be redone. Her recommendation to the Village was we should look over the Master Plan every 5 years.
- **Short & Long Term Goals/Master Plan** – Julie Bonello presented ideas for long/short term goals: **Short Term** – The Village needs to determine a set of planning principles that follow the Michigan Planning Enablement Act: Sustainable yearly planning process cycle where planning needs/requirements are spread over the years and Master Plan is always updated. Involve the community for input on phases along the way and provide ongoing communication methods to keep the community informed. **Long Term** - Work on the dynamics and a sustainable Master Plan. Determine a sustainable, yearly process cycle that links to a yearly operating plan/budget for the Village. Performance Metrics: determine the metrics that align with the Master Plan. We need to know if we are supporting our vision and goals.
- **Short Term Goals/Other** - Mike would like to look into the existing Noise and Lighting ordinances the Village has in place and determine if they need to be amended. The group needs to look at sports courts in the Village because the council had put a 6-month moratorium on building them.

**Public Comment:** Nancy Thill said she had contacted Mark a year ago who worked with Julie Bonello on the original Master Plan. Nancy said that at that time he was happy to help or answer any questions but felt she will need to reach out again to see if he would still be interested. Nancy also passed along information about Andrew Von Maur of St. Andrews University School of Architecture in nearby Berrien Springs, MI. She thought perhaps we could invite Andrew to a meeting to inform us how their group (student or professional) can assist in creating a cohesive plan and vision for the Village of Michiana.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. (EST)  
Respectfully submitted, Anne Heywood