

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING
April 18, 2024

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Jacobson, Keaton, Wroubel, Peltonen, DeYoung, Slopsema

Absent: Vollmuth

Also in attendance: Planner Mielnik, Acting Recording Secretary Cheryl Goss and Zoning Administrator Graber

Next meeting date corrected to May 1.

Set / Adjust Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment:

7:02 p.m. begin

Heidi Vollmuth via Zoom

7:06 p.m. end

Special Meeting Business:

1. Draft Master Plan Review and Discussion. Resident Outreach Subcommittee (ROS) and public invited to share. ROS member McElwee presented written notes and discussion ensued regarding alternative energy, rezoning, zoning districts including Ag and RC, shoreline stewardship and front yard setbacks.

ROS member Buczkowski presented notes. Slopsema presented a picture. Discussion ensued regarding topics on responsibility of roads and non-motorized trails connecting to TART and Nakwema (TC to Charlevoix).

ROS member Stratton presented written notes and discussion ensued regarding rural character, flood plains and survey responses to scenic views.

Kim Mangus via Zoom commented on goals, private property rights, rural character, agri-tourism, environmental protections, front yard setbacks, private roads, M72 corridor plans, picture on page 96 and future land use map.

PC member Keaton commented on and discussion ensued regarding recreational assets.

PC member Peltonen commented on and discussion ensued regarding the 2017 marijuana survey and referendum.

PC member Jacobson commented on and discussion ensued regarding various word changes for clarity, property rights, topographical map, school, housing, infrastructure for electric vehicles, short term rentals, village district, RC district, zoning maps, recent development, zoning, fire department, possibility of a forth coming design guidance manual, flexibility of this document, attendance of outreach events and sewer/septic around lakes.

PC member Wroubel commented on vision and goals.

PC member DeYoung commented on and discussion ensued regarding PUDs and developments.

PC Chair Slopsema presented written notes and discussion ensued regarding lot sizes, goals, zoning terminology, definitions, and zoning maps.

Everyone agreed Mielnik did an excellent job on the Master Plan Draft. Thank you!!
Mielnik will update the draft with proposed changes.

2. Anything else related to the Master Plan
Buczkowski noted the lack of private road designations on map 8.
Mielnik followed up with Barry Hicks of Networks Northwest regarding the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Whitewater's eligibility.

Next meeting: May 1, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Public Comment:

9:49 p.m. begin

Deb Graber

Michael Sherman

Kim Mangus

9:55 p.m. end

Commission Discussion/Comments: None

Adjournment:

MOTION by Jacobson, second by DeYoung to adjourn. On voice vote, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lois MacLean,

Recording Secretary