

**Call to Order – 4:00 PM - Pledge of Allegiance – Invocation**

**Roll Call**

Members Present:

John Gilner  
Jeff Tushoski  
George McCumber  
Russell Bauwens

Members Absent:

Mike Carey

Zoning: Pam Minerick - Present

**Approve Minutes of the 11/19/2025 meeting**

Russ motioned to approve the minutes from last meeting.

Seconded: John

All Yay – Motioned Carried

**Agenda Approval**

Russ amended the agenda to add the Zoning Report section.

John motioned to approve the agenda as amended

Seconded: George

All Yay – Motioned Carried

**Zoning Report**

- Pam Minerick reported on ongoing collaboration with Tammy regarding zoning issues and the resolution of unpermitted projects.

**Finalize changes to Master Plan**

- The Commission reviewed feedback from Robb Anderson (GEI) regarding the drafted Master Plan. The goal is to finalize the draft for a public meeting in July. Key revisions include:
  - Russ wants to get this completed to be able to have the public meeting for next meeting in July.
  - John would like to take out the sentence on “hearing a train whistle blow off in the distance as a train crosses Way Dam Road” comment on page 8 of the Master Plan.
  - John mentioned on page 9 to either fix the link or add the ordinance for ORV use. Nobody was sure if there was an ORV ordinance. Pam felt that this should be taken out of the Master Plan and put it in the Recreation Plan. We decided to take the information out of the master plan on the ORV ordinance since it should be in the Recreation Plan.
  - The commission reached a consensus that the Master Plan will not contain specific ordinance details.
  - The commission decided to remove the community input and survey from the Master Plan. Everything in the appendix after the Sources section.

- The Commission debated strategies for Alternative Energy and Short-Term Rentals (VRBO). While revenue potential (fees/taxes) was noted, concerns regarding enforcement and administration remain.
  - The commission decided to take out the strategy in the Master Plan on page 24 where it indicates we want “to install a boat wash at the township hall.”
  - We had some discussion on internet services and it was agreed to remove the strategies for the highspeed internet since there are lots of services available today. This will be removed as an Objective and the strategies from page 25.
  - John wanted to make changes to the Censes information on page 5. Needs to be reworded.
- Next Steps: Robb Anderson from GEI will update the Master Plan as discussed and he will have it ready to present at the town board meeting which is on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Draft a new ordinance for Fire Services**

- The board asked the Planning Commission to draft an ordinance on fire services to include a reimbursement schedule back to the Township for fire calls.
- **Current Costs:** Brock Van Oss provided a cost breakdown: Crystal Falls (\$4,600/year), Republic (\$250/year), and Sagola (\$250/call, capped at \$2,500). Mansfield had 84 calls in 2025, many of which were for downed power lines (no cost to the Township).
  - We had lots of discussion on what the fee should be for Mansfield Township. The commission reviewed the City of Crystal Falls Ordinance and agreed to model the new ordinance after the City of Crystal Falls since most of our support comes from Crystal Falls fire department.
  - The Planning Commission agreed to have the following fee structure:
    - \$250 per call and a not to exceed \$2500 per incident.
  - Mansfield Township Clerks would be responsible for invoicing residents per this new ordinance.
  - John Gilner agreed to draft the ordinance with two weeks for the Commissions review and to prepare for presentation to the Township Board.

### **Public Comments**

Attendees: Brock Van Oss and Robb Anderson from GEI.

- No public comments.

### **Board Privilege**

- No comments.

### **Meeting Adjournment –**

- Motion to adjourn by John – Jeff Seconded, All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50