

**Mikado Township
Planning Commission Meeting
December 8, 2021**

Present: Carrie Mullins, Ken Griffin, Steve Sanderson, Lary Holland, James Ostby

Quorum Present

Call to Order: 6:01 PM

Pledge

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Motion made by Lary Holland to pass the meeting minutes from Dec. 8, 2021, seconded by Carrie Mullins. Motion passes.
- The Agenda was discussed. Motioned and Seconded. The Agenda was adopted.
- Lary spoke of NEMCOG and RRDC and the free services they offer in regards to the Master Plan. Mentioned Beckett & Raider. Township's expected \$500 cost for Master Plan.
- Motion to identify blight properties by the next meeting. Lary Holland so moves. Seconded by James Ostby. Motion passes unanimously. The members of the planning commission will identify non-compliant properties as per our existing zoning/laws.
- Motion to make contact and begin discussions with NEMCOG (North East Michigan Council of Governments) and with RRC (Redevelopment Ready Community) planner/regional director in regards to the Master Plan and any other plans that may fit Mikado's needs. Lary Holland so moves. Seconded by Carrie Mullins. Motion passes unanimously. Lary and Carrie will find the correct people and begin a dialog.
- Homework: Read and make notes on the Master Plan from 2017. Keep a Parks and Recreation Plan in mind.
- Extra Credit: Log into MTA to find contacts and research resources on Master Plans and related items. Try and find a Best Practices for including Parks and Rec plan in the Master Plan. Overall, find resources to consult and advise.

Topics of Discussion:

- Capital Improvement Plan – Do we have one? If not, we need to do one as we have an obligation to maintain the public trust. The township properties (civic center, fire hall, ball field, Barlow ballpark, Bruce park, cemetery, etc.) need a capital improvement plan. Easier to get grants.
- Carrie updated the commission on the F-41 bridge.
- Carrie and Lary to have RRC course completed by next meeting.
- Marketing the Hall for rentals in order to collect more financial resources to maintain the civic center. A civic center millage was mentioned, but not welcomed.
- We should have a social media policy. Example if we need to kick anyone off the Facebook page it should be documented for public record.
- Broadband options:
 - There are providers that would apply for grants on the townships behalf, as installing their service would benefit them.
 - Helping low-income households pay for home broadband. Options like Connect USA and Starlink.

Adjournment: 7:13 PM

Next Meeting: June 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center