

**Mikado Township Planning Commission Meeting
March 9, 2023
MINUTES**

Present: Steve Stevens, Nicki Bartz-Stuit, Carrie Mullins, James Ostby

Absent: Steve Sanderson

Guest: Rick Duell – Contractor for the update and revision of the Master Plan

Call to Order: 6:01 PM

Pledge

Public Comment: Though we had Bill Spunar, Craig Ostby, Ann Harmon and Mary Harmon, there was no public comment. I would like to thank them for joining us.

Old Business:

Minutes from 12-5-22: **Motion** to accept by Carrie Mullins, seconded by Steve Stevens, motion passes.

Solar Ordinance – passed by township board

Comments from Supervisor Mary Harmon:

Mary had a phone conversation with Rick Castle from Consumers; we should not expect to see any solar fields in our area for about 5 years. Fire protection, logistics, batteries, wildlife, ancestral farm land, etc. were cited.

New Business:

Rick Duell – Presentation – Timeline for completion of the Master Plan

Mikado Township Master Plan Update General Timeline and Tasks		
Project Task	Meeting	Estimated Timeline
Consultant send Notice of Intent	✓	December, 2022
Send web survey notice in winter taxes. People will have until January 31 st to respond.	✓ 49	December 2022
Consultant updates background chapters and develops recreation plan component	✓	February 2023
Consultant summarizes web survey and provides report to planning commission		March 2023
Consultant meets with Planning Commission to review updated chapters and results of survey	X	March 9, 2023
Consultant meets with Planning Commission to review goals and <u>future land use</u> chapters and discuss components of the recreation plan section.	X	April or <u>May the 4th</u>
Planning Commission meeting finalize goals and future land plan.	X	June 8, 2023
Planning Commission recommends plan for <u>distribution</u>		Finalize Draft
Township Board Approves plan for <u>distribution</u> , plan set to communities & 63 days start		June 12, 2023
Plan sent on June 15 th and <u>63 day</u> review period ends August 16th		
Public hearing by Township Planning Commission and passes resolution of adoption		September <u>7</u> , 2023
Township Board passes resolution of concurrence		September 12

→ Today

Key Take-aways:

Survey responses will be referenced throughout the process

Natural Resources

Blight

Projects that we would like to see completed (bathrooms, benches, tables, ball field, picnic area, etc.)

Farming, Logging, Access (private and seasonal roads)

Future Land Use – Checking the surrounding areas and their Master Plans

Recreation Plan / Chapter(s) get submitted to the State

Federal Grants, State Grants, Matching Grants, Donations
Home size, Mobile homes, age limits

Reminder, the Planning Commission recommends to the Township Board and the Township Board makes the final approval.

Topics of Discussion:

Denise Cline – Zoning Ordinance – Carrie Mullins to contact Denise Cline re: changes to the Township Board and further communication.

ARPA funds – The Township may very well use the ARPA funds to put a new roof on the Civic Center. We will need to come up with a Capital Improvement Plan, but perhaps next year.

Adjournment: 7:26 PM

Next Meeting for Master Plan work: May 4th at 6:00 pm at the Mikado Civic Center

Next Quarterly Meeting: June 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Mikado Civic Center