

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
June 14, 2022

The special meeting of the Robinson Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:02 PM at the Robinson Township Hall.

Present	Absent
Shawn Martinie	Anne Goede
Bill Maschewske	Steve Young
Travis Vugteveen	
Michelle Gillespie	
Lydia Brown	

Also present was Planning Consultant Gregory Ransford of Fresh Coast Planning. The attendance sheet is not attached as it contained no signatures.

A motion was made by Travis Vugteveen and seconded by Lydia Brown to approve the agenda as written.

The motion carried unanimously with two members absent.

A motion was made by Travis Vugteveen and seconded by Michelle Gillespie to approve the Planning Commission minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting as written.

The motion carried unanimously with two members absent.

Master Planning

Chairperson Martinie called for comments on the latest revisions/corrections to Chapter 6, Industrial Uses and M-231 Industrial Uses, of the draft updated Master Plan text. There were no comments.

Chairperson Martinie then requested comments regarding the latest draft of Chapter 7, Recreational and Public Facilities.

Bill Maschewske – Goals, Bullet 5 – Suggested adding the word “the”. It was decided to not change the text.

Bill Maschewske – Strategies, Bullet 3. The Bullet is missing.

Next to be discussed was the latest draft of Chapter 8, Public Utilities.

Chairperson Martinie – Was concerned that focusing utilities on the Northwest corner of the Township might conflict with utility extensions for the LMDCOD (Lake Michigan Drive Commercial Overlay District) area.

It was agreed to add “except for the LMDCOD area” to the last sentence of the Introduction.

Bill Maschewske --

1. Check for text referencing the Northwest corner of the Township without the qualifying statement of areas planned for High Density Residential.
2. Recommendations, Bullet 2 and Strategies, Bullet 2 – Add LMDCOD for clarification.
3. Suggested adding the questions to the Table for ease of reading.

Gregory Ransford stated he would see what made sense with the Table.

Chairperson Martinie requested questions and comments regarding the updated draft of Chapter 9, Transportation.

Travis Vugteveen noted that the speed limit for M-231 is 65 mph. It was also noted to correct “throughthe” and other words that were run together.

Bill Maschewske questioned adding 104th Ave. from Pierce St. to M-45 as part of the North-South Arterial streets. Following discussion, it was agreed to not include this portion of 104th Ave.

Chairperson Martinie – East/West Arterial Streets, ii. “Entirelength” should be two words.

Bill Maschewske – Should the inventory of streets have a new heading?

It was decided to eliminate the (a), (b), and (c) letter headings.

Travis Vugteveen – Recommendations, Bullet 3. Is multi-model the correct terminology?
It was determined that multimodal was the correct term.

Bill Maschewske – Questioned if all public facilities got added to Chapter 7?

Gregory Ransford stated they did.

Chairperson Martinie – Principle Arterial streets maybe need to include M-231.

It was agreed to wait until Gregory Ransford hears back from MDOT regarding the classification of M-231 before determining how M-231 should be included.

There were no more comments on Chapter 9.

A discussion was held regarding the failure of the Master Land Use Plan Map to be updated for the 2015 changes. It was agreed that Gregory Ransford would secure the latest Master Land Use Plan map from Ottawa County GIS.

The correlation between Zoning Districts and Master Land Use Plan classifications was discussed. Bill Maschewske questioned why Public/Quasi-public and Recreational were to be deleted from the Master Plan.

Gregory Ransford stated that these areas may not always be those uses and if they transitioned to private ownership, they would need an underlying Master Plan classification to direct the correct Zoning under private use.

It was therefore agreed to delete these two classifications in the Master Land Use Plan.

A long discussion followed regarding classifications in the updated Master Land Use Plan. Planner Ransford is to bring a draft chart to the next planning meeting along with the most current maps from Ottawa County GIS.

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Pay Bills

A motion was made by Travis Vugteveen and seconded by Michelle Gillespie to pay Planning Commission salaries for the June 14, 2022 meeting (one meeting, two members absent). The motion carried unanimously with two members absent.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Travis Vugteveen and seconded by Lydia Brown to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 9:07 PM. The motion carried unanimously with two members absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Planning Commission