

Exeter Township Planning Commission Minutes April 1, 2025

Exeter Township Planning Commission Chairperson, Tim DeBorde called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Roger Bezek, Tim DeBorde, Julie Murphy, Amee Runyan,
and Anthony Thrasher
Absent:
Excused: Charles Bruck, Michael Mata
Guests: Lucie Fortin, planner with Mannik & Smith Group
Notes: There were 5 township residents in attendance.

Correction / Approval of Agenda:

The Planning Commission members reviewed the meeting agenda.

- ❖ **Motion: Amee Runyan, 2nd Julie Murphy:** To accept the Planning Commission meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes:

Copies of the February 4, 2025 Planning Commission meeting minutes were reviewed by the Planning Commission members

- ❖ **Motion: Amee Runyan, 2nd Tim DeBorde:** To approve the February 4, 2025 Planning Commission minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Copies of the March 4, 2025 Planning Commission meeting minutes were reviewed by the Planning Commission members

- ❖ **Motion: Amee Runyan, 2nd Tim DeBorde:** To approve the March 4, 2025 Planning Commission minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

First Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

The review of the proposed "Battery Storage Facility" was not on the regularly scheduled March 2025 Exeter Township Board meeting. The review of the proposed ordinance will be on the Exeter Township Boards April meeting agenda.

New Business:

Planning Commission Secretary, Roger Bezek, gave a brief outline of the process of the Exeter Township Master Plan review. The scope of the review can range from making no changes, making minor changes to completing a major rewrite of the current Master Plan. There is no set date by which the Master Plan review must be completed. New Exeter Township resident data has been received from the 2020 U.S. Census and is available from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

As any changes (updates) would constitute a "minor change" the planning commission should review all section for possible amendments and revisions. This would require a copy of the updated Exeter Township Master Plan being shared (reviewed by) with adjacent townships and a public hearing to incorporate residents / citizen comments.

Method by which Exeter Township residents could review the current Master Plan and offer any comments was discussed. Rather than soliciting individual wording changes from residents, a survey could be sent to (mail with next township newsletter, separate mailing, available electronically) and used to provide direction to the planning commission. Lucie Fortin said the Mannik & Smith Group has an account with "Survey Monkey" (an internet website which provides survey questions and responses). Another option discussed was hold a public workshop (hosted by the township) for residents to make suggested changes to the current Master Plan.

As any method would require that township funds be spent, any planning commission plan will need to stay within a budget as set by the township board. Planning Commission Tim DeBorde will discuss budget limits with the supervisor.

Second Public Comment:

1). Julie Murphy commented on another townships proposed ordinance which would ban commercial shipping containers as personal storage units. This was proposed for Exeter Township in the 2020 comprehensive update of the township zoning. A proposed township zoning amendment allowing / regulating residents use of commercial shipping containers for storage (as an accessory building) was not supported by the Exeter Township Board.

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2).The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission will be held on May 6, 2025 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Exeter Township Hall.

- ❖ **Motion: Amee Runyan, 2nd Anthony Thrasher:** To adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Bezek", written over a horizontal line.

Roger Bezek, Secretary

Exeter Township Planning Commission