

**Barry County Planning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Clyde Morgan at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Tyden Center located at 121 South Church Street in Hastings. The Planning Commission members in attendance included: Morgan, John LaForge, Jack Miner, Robert Vanderboegh and Jack Nadwornik. Joyce Snow and Dave Hatfield were absent. James McManus and Rebecca Harvey were also present.

Motion by Vanderboegh to approve the agenda as printed. Support by Miner. All ayes – motion carried.

BUSINESS

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Harvey distributed updated Draft Master Plans to the Planning Commission. She noted they had made the corrections identified at the previous meeting. She noted Chapters 8 and 11 have been completed. She said the objective tonight is to verify that the Draft is ready to forward to the board of Commissioners, so the public hearing can be scheduled.

Harvey highlighted several of the page improvements including the scrapbook page, Gilmore Car Museum and mineral mining map. She also noted the Inclusion of Ideas page had a new design.

Nadwornik noted the map pages are not numbered.

On page 50 - LaForge noted the legend shows a 500 year flood plan, but it did not appear on the map. McManus commented that there may be a small area in the City of Hastings that can't be seen.

Nadwornik noted Ascension Borgess is no longer in Barry Township.

LaForge suggested adding M-37 to the City of Hastings page.

Miner suggested adding a couple of other businesses to the Middleville Economic Profile. Miner asked about flood plain preventative actions. Harvey referred to the strategic zoning section and noted that will cover all of the future regulation questions.

Vanderboegh asked about conservation programs and creating pure Ag Zone. Harvey noted Agricultural Preservation is in the Plan. She noted there will need to be ordinance language created.

Nadwornik discussed the mineral mining page and wanted to ensure that the soils information would not force the Planning Commission's hand. Harvey noted the plan indicates the approximate locations of possible mining.

On page 55 – Vanderboegh suggested changing the header from farmland to Agricultural Land so that it would not be confused with Solar Farms.

The Planning Commission discussed Solar and Wind Energy and decided it needs to be in the plan.

Motion by Nadwornik to forward the Draft Master Plan to the Board of Commissioner's with the recommendation that the Draft Plan be certified to be sent to the neighboring jurisdictions to review per the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.
Support by LaForge. All ayes – motion carried.

Motion by LaForge to adjourn. Support by Vanderboegh. All ayes – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Nadwornik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jack Nadwornik,
Secretary