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MASTER PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

Due to the organizational nature of this first meeting, there was no agenda present to approve Planning Commission Chair Steve Burch requested that committee members, and the present staff person, introduce themselves:

Linda Selbert	Dexter Township Resident
Joseph Spiegle	Dexter Township Resident
Chandra Hurd	Planning Commission, Secretary <i>(not sure if you should change to Vice-Chair, since I wasn't VC at that time)</i>
Dan Barry	Planning Commission
Alicia Abbott	BOT representative
Fletcher Reyher	Township Staff, Director of Planning and Zoning

Mr. Burch thanked the group for joining this committee to take up potential items that the township could face as we move forward. Mr. Burch also explained that our Master Plan did not include Data Centers, Biofuel Recovery Projects, and legislation the Michigan Housing Act that was passed last December, requiring all Michigan Townships and communities to re-evaluate their housing attitudes, needs and ideas for the next 20 years.

Mr. Burch appointed Chandra Hurd to act as the chair of the meeting.

Chair Hurd asked if there was a motion to elect Trustee Abbott to perform the secretary duties.

Motion was made by Linda Selbert and second by Joseph Spiegel. Roll call vote: Selbert yea, Spiegle yea, Berry yea, Abbott yea, Hurd yea. 5 yeas 0 nays

Director of Planning and Zoning, Fletcher Reyher, explained how he created the draft committee charge.

Director Reyher walked the committee through what is needed for this first meeting:

- Establish a schedule
- Editing the committee charge
- Identifying Master Plan topics to review
- Send this comprehensive report to the BOT to establish and fund this committee.

Through discussion the committee agreed to send Director Reyher our thoughts on the committee charge by January 5th at the end of business. This allows time to edit the committee charge if needed.

Mr. Burch will send each committee member the information listed in Michigan House Bill 5557 with the appropriate excerpts on land use, zoning and growth management.

Director Reyher walked the committee through the process of amending the Master Plan.

Trustee Abbott recommends watching the public comments section of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Meetings. This is a place to see what other rural townships are facing. Chair Hurd reiterates to the committee that amending the Master Plan is a lengthy process and that the Master Plan review Committee will not be the body that makes the amendments. This committee will be making recommendations that the Planning Commission should focus on. Chair Hurd explained that staff support is critical to this committee through explaining the “why” a subject is important.

Linda Selbert initiated discussion on Data Centers and are we, the township, “ripe for the picking”?

Mr. Spiegel reminded us that Dexter Township is a target due to the high transmission lines that run through our township.

Director Reyher explained that the large commercial properties are not near the high voltage transmission lines making the search for developers more difficult. Director Reyher will present information regarding the land/water make up of existing Data Center developments in other townships at our next meeting.

Through discussion, the committee agreed to the following meeting dates (all to start at 6 pm):

March 18, 2026

April 8, 2026

June 17, 2026

September 16, 2026

December 16, 2026

Motion to adjourned made by: Dan Berry and second by Trustee Abbott

5 years 0 nays

Meeting Adjourned 7:22 pm

Alicia Abbott, Secretary