

Hope Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Norton at 6:30 pm at the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43, Hastings, MI 49058. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Members present: Bob Norton, Junior Homister, Craig Jenkins, Christine Zuzga, Larry Heslinga.

Members absent: None.

Others Present: Township Planner/Zoning Administrator Nathan Mehmed.

Agenda: Motion by Homister, supported by Jenkins, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes: Motion by Homister, supported by Zuzga, to approve the June 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Heslinga mentioned that he would like to request that he get a copy of the minutes in advance of the meeting. Mehmed stated that he would ensure that everyone gets a copy in advance of future meetings.

General Public Comment: None.

Master Land Use Discussion: Mehmed explained that at the last meeting the Planning Commission had made it through Goal 1 and Goal 2, including the associated objectives. The purpose of this meeting is to review Goal 3 and Goal 4, as well as objectives and any potential additions. Mehmed reminded the Planning Commission of the worksheet.

After continued discussion, the Planning Commission decided the following regarding each goal and objective:

Keep: Goals 3 and 4, Objectives 3.1, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5, and 4.6

Revise: Objectives 3.2, 3.3, and 4.4

Don't Keep: None

The Planning Commission also decided to add objectives under Goal 1 addressing water protection specifically, Goal 2 related to the enforcement of codes and ordinances, and Goal 4, encouraging trail connections to specific amenities. The

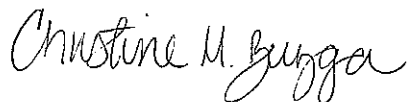
Planning Commission also decided to add Mehmed's suggested Goal 5 related to housing and several objectives encouraging different housing types and housing near existing utilities and facilities.

Mehmed mentioned that the next meeting, Workshop #2, would focus on the future land use map and descriptions, as well as a discussion on the implementation chapter. He noted that he sent copies of the existing land use map for the Planning Commission to review and consider in advance of that meeting. A brief discussion took place regarding some of the items on the existing and future land use maps, including that Cloverdale and Cedar Creek are not villages. The Planning Commission directed Mehmed to contact the sewer authority and Pierce Cedar Creek Institute to see if anyone from those organizations could attend the next meeting.

Zoning Administrator:

Mehmed mentioned that there may be an application or two on future meeting agendas. Camp Michawana is still working on plans to add to several buildings.

Adjournment: Motion by Homister, supported by Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



7/18/2025

Christine Zuzga, Secretary

Date