

MARATHON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
March 9, 2026

Smokey Meinecke, Chair
Sandi Glesenkamp, Secretary
Charlie Brockriede
Justin Church

Russell Cossaboom
John Deitering
Stacy Baker

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman, Brockriede. Roll call was taken showing Meinecke, Deitering and Church were absent.. See Guests list

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

A motion was made by Glesenkamp with support by Baker to approve the agenda. All votes aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Cossaboom with support by Brockriede to approve the minutes of March 2, 2026. All votes aye, motion carried.

Public Comment: A few people spoke about the possibility of moving the tower to the back of the property. Questions arose concerning enforcement of the ordinances. There was a report of another tower on the property which turned out to be an old TV tower attached to the house. Questions concerning setbacks, concerns about the wetlands and radiation. Many issues of the issues discussed were conversations from the public hearing.

Old Business: Bitwise/Buckner communication tower located at 6140 White Sands Dr. After discussion and advise from the township's legal counsel, Brockriede made a motion to postpone the decision whether to allow for a commercial Class 2 communication tower to operate at 6140 White Sands until Bitwise complies with Section 18.08, C. 2. A through h. Bitwise will be given until April 15 to provide the Township with those requirements. The motion was seconded by Cossaboom. Roll Call: Yes- Cossaboom, Brockriede, Baker and Glesenkamp. Absent: Meinecke, Church and Deitering. Motion Carried.

New Business: Review of the Solar Ordinance to compare with a workable ordinance provided by MTA. It was decided to study both ordinances and be prepared to discuss at a March 30th work session.

Next meeting will be March 23, a public hearing for the AT&T Communication tower located on Otter Lake Rd.

A motion was made by Cossaboom with a second by Baker to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by _____
Sandi Glesenkamp

Approved _____
Smokey Meinecke