

MARATHON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION QUARTERLY MEETING
Minutes
December 8, 2025

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 Chairman, Meinecke. Roll call was taken showing all members were present except Baker. See sign-in sheet for list of guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

A motion was made by Church with support by Cossaboom to approve the minutes of September 8, 2025 minutes with one correction. All votes aye, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

New Business: Solar Ordinance wording was discussed and it was decided to table until the PC can discuss it with Rowe Engineering for advice.

Conversation took place concerning Data Processing Systems. Being a relatively new project taking place, it was decided to table for now and revisit as one of the items in which Rowe could offer advice.

The Master Plan update was presented by Glesenkamp, informing the PC that we can expect a Final Draft towards the end of January or first of February. The draft will be for our review and a Public Hearing can be set after the review.

A motion was made by Cossaboom with support by Deitering to approve the quarterly meeting schedule. All votes aye, motion carried.

The Annual Report was read with a motion by Glesenkamp and support by Brockriede to present it to the Township Board.

Old Business: Battery Storage Ordinance was on the agenda and it was decided to table until Rowe Engineering can review it.

Another note of interest was that a company called Bitwise has 3 cell towers in the township. They were permitted with the impression that it was for the land owner's private use. However, it has been discovered that the company is selling the service to other individuals as well. This would require a special land use for a commercial operation.

Public Comment: Louisa from DTE reviewed language in the Solar Ordinance that may need considering. Those items were: 160 acre total, clear cutting, Building Official review in lieu of Engineer, Buffers and noise.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2-26 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Brockriede with support by Cossaboom to adjourn. All votes aye, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Submitted by _____

Sandi Glesenkamp

Approved _____

Smokey Meinecke