

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
June 22, 2026

CORRECTED

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

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Russell Cossaboom
John Deitering
Stacy Baker

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Meinecke. Roll call was taken. Church was absent. See Guests list

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

A motion was made by Deitering with support by Baker to approve the corrected minutes of April 20, 2026. All votes aye, motion carried. A motion was made by Baker with support by Cossaboom to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026. All votes aye, motion carried. A motion was made by Deitering with support by Glesenkamp to approve the minutes of June 15, 2026. All votes aye, motion carried.

Public Comment: There were many comments about the Bitwise tower on White Sands Drive. Many concerns have been addressed at previous meetings. Some topics were an assigned parcel number to the tower, uses allowed in ag/res that affects residential properties, electro-magnetic exposure, the height of tower and decreased property values.

New Business: Master Plan Public Hearing has been set for September 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Old Business: Bitwise special use request for a Commercial Tower located at 6140 White Sands. Corwin Mabery from Davis Land Surveying presented a letter containing recommendations for the Planning Commission's consideration. (see attached) Attorney, Patrick Parker, stated that Marathon Township Planning Commission is obligated to follow the current zoning ordinance (Ordinance 200) not what was in place at the time the tower was erected. Joe Israel, Marathon Township Zoning Administer conducted a check list of section 18.08 C., D., and E., which covers the application, review and approval for a Class Two wireless communication facility, including the special performance standards. Bitwise has submitted all the required paperwork and signed documentation by a Michigan owned Engineering Company as well as a professional survey by a known surveyor.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Deitering with support by Cossaboom to recommend the special use of the tower located at 6140 White Sands to be a Class 2 Wireless Communication facility to the Township Board for final approval with the following conditions:

- That the applicant/owner provide copies of all state, federal, FAA an FCC permits and approvals and make available all future permits when requested by the Township.
- That Bitwise provide a typical footing detail or sp0ecification for the tower and indicate the maximum wind load capacity.

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- That the tower will be limited to small WiFi equipment only.
- That no advertising of any kind can be visible from the ground or other structures.
- If operations cease, or the tower becomes inoperable, the tower shall be dismantled and removed within 12 calendar months.
- That both Bitwise and the Buckners are aware of the garage impact of fall and hold harmless the Township.
- Camouflage the fencing by a visual barrier such as shrubs or other landscape material.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cossaboom, Deitering, Baker, Meinecke, Brockreide, Glesenkamp.
Absent: Church

A motion was made by Brockriede with a second by Cossaboom to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by _____
Sandi Glesenkamp

Approved _____
Smokey Meinecke