

# Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1. **Call to Order** - *Chair Carolan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.*
2. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** *Namrata Carolan, Chair; Jack McLain; Denise Belson; Samuel Fry; Peter Merritt*

**Members Absent:** *Troy Reehl, Secretary - Excused; Michael Clark; Steve Lanius*

**Public Present:** *Nicolas Wheeler*
3. **Public Comment** - *None*
4. **Correspondences**
  - a. *City of Jonesville 2024-2028 Recreation Plan/Appendix D of Master Plan - It was noted that the update to the City's Recreation Plan was adopted.*
  - b. *Southern Towers BTS, LP - Jonesville Road NEPA Review - It was the consensus there is no need to comment on the communication tower proposal.*
5. **Approval of Minutes** - *Motion by Belson to approve the January 17, 2024 minutes. Second by McLain. Approved unanimously.*
6. **Approval of Agenda** - *Motion by Belson to approve the March 20, 2024 agenda. Second by Merritt. Approved unanimously.*
7. **Public Hearings** - *No public hearings scheduled.*
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. *Election of Officers: Vice-Chair - Motion by Merritt to nominate Belson as Vice-Chair. Second by McLain. Approved unanimously.*
9. **New Business** - *None*
10. **Any Other Business/On-going Business**
  - a. **Continued discussion on update of Master Plan**

*Harmony Fierke-Gmazel from Michigan State University Extension was present via Webex to discuss options for assisting the Commission in updating of the master plan. Three events (Attached) were proposed for planning and education including "Updating and Implementing a Master Plan", "The Roles and Responsibilities of a Planning Commission" and the "Citizen Planner" program. Assistance would also include the conducting of surveys and other means of engaging the public for input while updating the master plan. Fry moved to reach out to all members of the Planning Commission, including those not present to schedule the first event "Updating and Implementing a Master Plan". Second by Belson. The motion passed 4-1.*

**11. Public Comment - None**

**12. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by McLain. Second by Fry. Approved unanimously to adjourn at 2:19 p.m.**

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*Denise Belson, Vice-Chair*

*Recorded by: Nicolas Wheeler, Equalization Director, County of Hillsdale*