PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2023

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order, Roll Call:

Chair G. French called the meeting to order at

Commissioners present: L. Cavendish, G. French, V. Foley, J. Gale, B. Newell, K. Wessell, and J. Woomer

Staff present: Village Clerk, J. Scott

II. Approve August 16, 2023 meeting minutes.

a. Motion to approve as amended, J. Gale; seconded by B. Newell
b. Minor editorial changes

III. Additions or corrections to agenda

a. Addition of preliminary site plan review of 102 Mill Street (presented by Lisa Feringa, architect on the project)
b. Discussion about the current two parking spots and where they can be relocated assuming the building will be taking over the existing spots.
c. Question about how many spots need to be created to fulfill the needs of the tenants.
d. L. Cavendish suggested bringing the topic to the Infrastructure Committee meeting this coming Friday at 1:00 pm

IV. Correspondence

N/A

V. Public comment

Mary B. (in-person)

a. Asking for a definitive timeline for when the 7th Street rubrics will be sent to the Village Council

VI. New Business

A. 102 Mill Street (Pennington Building) preliminary discussion about the vision for relocating the parking spots in the carport which are utilized by the current rental properties.

a. This was a “late breaker” walk-on presentation, not on the agenda which was circulated in advance of the meeting.
b. The presentation was made by architect Lisa Feringa of Stony Point Studios (SPS) Architecture firm, representing the new buyers of 102 Mill Street, who are located in Kansas and were unable to attend the meeting in person.
c. The desire of the new owners is to relocate the spots around the corner from Barb’s Bakery on the southeast corner of Second Street at Mill Street; above the Northport Creek. They understand that EGLE will need to be involved.
d. L. Cavendish, as Chair of the Northport Infrastructure Committee, recommended to Lisa that she attend the upcoming meeting on Friday 9/22 to present the preliminary discussion about relocating the parking spots in the carport as DPW, namely Chris Holton, will likely need to be involved if any road right-of-way were to be impacted.

B. Discuss dates for possible combined meeting with the Township PC
a. October 25/November 8/November 22 were proposed.
b. October 25 works for the Northport Planning Commission

VII. Old Business:

A. Zoning – discuss next steps and timeline.
a. No updates from Arthur Mullen
b. Wade Trim contract needs to be updated before we can continue as it was originally a task-based contract and we have gone over the original allotted funds ($4300)

B. 7th Street – discuss next steps and timeline.
a. L. Cavendish is still working on compiling the public comments (2-years’ worth) into the addendum due to competing priorities. She’s hopeful that we can finalize it by next month, if not before then.
b. L. Cavendish will send the work done to date to G. French to disseminate to the NPC to refresh our memories since it’s been a while since we last discussed.

C. Master Plan
1. Identify areas needing updating.
2. Begin review.
a. Began the review of the manuscript document, stopped at page 25.
b. Removed Clausen and Bellaire examples

VIII. Reports

A. Zoning Adminstrator Report
B. Trustee Report
C. Tree Committee
a. Tree removal of aged out trees is happening near 6th street.
b. Barrel collection will continue!
c. Looking at new planting sites (ongoing program, ~15-20 each year)
i. Looking across the Village for new sites
d. Village Christmas Tree

i. 3-4 fertilizer applications (~8K/year) to help prolong the life of it.
ii. Replacement tree may need to be planted on another site since the current one is on private property.

e. Adopt-a-Tree program is being considered to help keep the trees watered and monitored for health issues.

IX. Public Comment

a. Anne Harper

i. Consider not screen-sharing during typing of minutes to ensure speakers can be visible.

ii. Caution to include hot button topics (e.g., Mill Pond) into the survey.

iii. Advises us to consider harmonizing the Village Master Plan with the Leelanau Township Master Plan

iv. Advise to include areas of interest related to the environment.

X. Board member comment

a. John Woomer

i. Reference Traverse City zoning, different heights may want to be considered depending on roof style (flat vs. gabled)

XI. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn the meeting was requested by B. Newell and seconded by K. Wessell

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM

Meeting Transcript (September 20, 2023)

Gretchen French 00:14
Okay, several call. Welcome. So, first item is approve the August 16. Meeting Minutes. And I apologize, I didn't realize the transcripts first was on here too. So oh my god, it's a very long turn out. Looking back, so planting trees. I found a couple of typos. But go ahead and trim Yeah. Okay.

Jane Gale 00:47
That was in a couple of places. And in looking through the transcript, I couldn't find the motion to extend the meeting. The motion for adjournment? Is there. That was really two separate motions at two separate times. And yeah, I've been through the transcript looking at time that it would have been pregnant. And I don't know if it's possible to go back but I think inserting that the time of the motion to extend the

Virginia Foley 01:28
hay right. No, it was before that.

Jane Gale 01:32
It was wondering you're deciding that we weren't going to work on the master plan because everybody was exhausted

Joni Scott 01:41
and we needed to get through yeah

Virginia Foley 01:45
yeah, so you need to put the time on both what do you propose to do? Or how important is it? Starting

Jane Gale 02:10
think we may have to go back to recording

Laura Cavendish 02:13
I mean, are you sure that we did no motion to extend that we did?

Virginia Foley 02:17
We ended at like eight okay. Yeah. It is to for my time to do that like are we illegal if we don't do that? Or is it just like a nice to have you remember if you make a motion?

Gretchen French 02:35
He usually does Yes. Oil is an extension and an adjournment? I put it in there. I bet it was. This is

Virginia Foley 02:54
this is what I put in here. Yes, Bob and Jane. Right.

Jane Gale 03:00
But it didn't happen. It happened before we did the reports. So just trying to identify timing. And and I probably

Virginia Foley 03:17
this doesn't have to be like so this whole section is extension in German. So I don't think I don't look at the meeting minutes from top to finish because we kind of bounce around sometimes right? But I agree with it. We need the time and nobody can find it but I wouldn't look at it because sometimes we bounce around also talk over

Jane Gale 03:42
each other.

Joni Scott 03:44
Typically, it's just important to have that emotion in there. So I think anyway, what time that motion was made.

Jane Gale 03:53
We have a motion to extend Yeah, and I think that if we just put it in chronological order after the master plan and before reports just motion to extend put it right there you don't need a time precisely

Gretchen French 04:11
but just

Lisa Feringa 04:18
so before reports so that's like a whole new section is that like

Jane Gale 04:38
a new number seven. And then number seven, number seven, which

Laura Cavendish 04:43
was sorry, it was at 155 in the meeting. Someone sent me this in the transcript. The motion to complete the agenda was like Jane

Joni Scott 04:57
sent me about 757

05:06
I can't understand

Lisa Feringa 05:07
what somebody's saying.

Laura Cavendish 05:11

If you're looking so the way that the trick just because I've used are a lot, the way that the transcripts work is if you're in the actual editable version, you can play it what the transcript is at that moment so if it is garbled or weird you can edit it you can be like oh, they said such and such it just didn't quite catch because the microphones are people talking at the same time so but it is there I see a change but at 155 It starts when

Gretchen French 05:41
but it does obviously,

Laura Cavendish 05:42
it sort of doesn't even seem it doesn't say Yeah, exactly that was because I'm used to reading it but says we've got more tech savvy. Okay, we're gonna have the motion to complete our agenda by Jane. And so yeah, and then I'm not sure who seconded it because

Gretchen French 05:58
I had written down yeah

Virginia Foley 06:04
that was just on my camera so Alright, everyone cool with that

Joni Scott 06:15
so if you want to take out a and

Gretchen French 06:18
in your last section you have to do that motion to

Joni Scott 06:26
understand because it's a duplicate

Lisa Feringa 06:31
anything else? Anything else?

Jane Gale 06:38
Move to approve the minutes as amended. Right What time is that

Virginia Foley 06:50
so

Lisa Feringa 07:00
let me get back to what will be approved as I'm gonna read it here so you are watching

Mary B. 07:21
it's not screen sharing.

Joni Scott 07:54

Okay, moving on to additions or corrections to the agenda. In new business, we are going to add that we're going to have

Lisa Feringa 08:06
commentary plans, review of one or two and 106 no street, that you shouldn't have a site plan and some notes

Joni Scott 08:16
in your information. And then we will discuss hospital data combined eating or township

Gretchen French 08:28
The second thing we're going to discuss

Joni Scott 08:31
or possible combine

Jane Gale 08:39
courtesy to the guest we were going to do

Lisa Feringa 08:49
okay. Any correspondence? Anything. Okay. Moving on to public comment. Mary,

Mary B. 09:00
hi. I'm glad to be here. Um,

John Woomer 09:06
we are the

Mary B. 09:07
residents of North Shore Drive. And we know the Seventh Street has been an ongoing thing for the last couple of years. I guess we are all looking for a definitive timeline on this. And when are things going to the village council, which isn't meeting in two weeks, and then we're in the usual winter Exodus, you know, from North Korea to warmer climates. So I think there are several people that are on zoom here along with Jane and Kim who are with me tonight, my neighbors and we know you have done an incredible job. I would not watch your job in a million years to combine what you're trying to do all the comments so that everyone is heard fairly evenly. And I think we're just looking for a A definitive timeline. And my other concern is how this information, the rubrics, all your comments are going to be distributed to the public. People who don't have computers, I mean, your website is not easy to find things. And if it's put up on the website, how do you find it? And for people that that need to know, we have to think of all those people in town that is kind of going on and on and on. And some people think it's all over. Oh, it's not. We're still here, you know, how many years later? So I guess we're looking for that, as I looked at the agenda tonight, if we could address those more specifically as to what's going on, because we're entering right back into the winter system again. And those of us on North Shore Drive are wondering, you know, what's going to happen? So those are my issues. And I would like some answers tonight.

Virginia Foley 11:06
The question, I have the same question. And I'm wondering why we're still talking about it. So who wants to answer that? Not back? To do it later. Well, spoiler alert. Sorry.

Gretchen French 11:24
Any other public comment? Anybody out on Zoom? Okay,

Joni Scott 11:37
moving on to new business.

Lisa Feringa 11:39
So Lisa is here and the new business? No, when I present can there be back and forth? Okay, then I have a board that I could put up there was a student.

Joni Scott 11:55
Yeah, I mean, I think Virginia is going to project it as well. So okay, people on Zoom can hopefully see it better. Okay. It isn't the same the set as what you handed out? Yes. Okay. To sell or however you want to do it all right.

Lisa Feringa 12:23
My name is Lisa Feringa. And it's up toward Stoney point studios SPS architecture. And I'm representing the new buyers of one or two, six, Wall Street. And that would be John Ben and Don claim, they can't be here tonight. They wanted to but we're in Kansas, and it's Don's birthday today and you should say so anyways, the purpose for coming here is sort of a preliminary. You want to share our vision. Make sure we're heading in the right direction. clarify some things that are in the zoning ordinance. And we're not really sure

Kathy Wessel 13:13
if you can say what buildings they are for people if they don't know that it's the Pennington collection. 106. Just so people out there know

Lisa Feringa 13:22
what we're talking about there. Okay. So the Pennington buildings on the corner across from Tom's a third port open space right here and then building offices that are studio. This image, I don't have big but it's a little bit easier to see because it shows your plans. So, okay, so what we have here is in the Pennington building, it's retail space on the lower level, and then there's two apartments above it. The two apartments are rented by one owner, and it's the owner of the art studio. And during this, and then there's this building in Studio 106. This covered area is on a property out last six, it has a carport, that parts the owner, renter, the two units up here that are not on the property, but also there's a space of there's a rental space above it, that's residential with a tenant and then another one underneath it. So right now there's three renters in it and then two retail spaces right there. So what we're struggling with right now is parking is an issue for a lot of villages and does relate to this, Tom didn't want to have your, your core commercial district with all these wide open spaces of parking all around it because it takes away the appeal and everything. And so we would like to fill this in a retail space in the carport area, which takes away the two spaces that are meant for this building. But they're actually being used by the top

one tenant and each one. So that's one of the things that we wanted to do. And so in taking away the parking permission, we're wondering if this is even something that you would entertain in the village is provides some spaces right here, there's it's fairly deep on Second Street right here, we have the creek running through right here, which lacks a proper man from venturi net in providing parking in it. From their property corner out to the pavement, it's 28 feet deep. And it's 30, almost 32 across here. So there's room for three spaces along the property line right here. With some room to spare if we follow the zoning departments of 10 feet by 20 feet, right here. And then I measured along the edge of the road right here, across here. And there's actually room for six or seven spaces parking facing and on that line right there. So that's one thing we would wonder if that could be something you could discuss and maybe talk about later on. And then if that's not allowed, and what are our options, if we get rid of the two parking here, what how many spaces are required. And we could work with eagles across this right here, what we're thinking is if they park here, we would work with Eagle to get a footpath in a footbridge over the creek in order to get to the backside of this property.

Kathy Wessel 17:14
See,

Lisa Feringa 17:16
right, so these are the three car spaces. And this is a backup space required for backing up on the spot. So it wouldn't be necessary right here, but they would fit like right there. But if you do have to cross over and say we need six feet, well, we have a scissor. But you can see how much space it takes up of that green space behind there. And it's a it's a nice space eight, you have the creek running through there. And all this green space right here that we paid to turn into a big parking lot with another culvert over the creek right here, versus a nice footbridge for the public to cross over and be able to use some of this space right here if it seems for commercial use. That's the gist of it all. So there's two ways to start from where the covered area right right here. There's two

Bob Newell 18:21
got an interest in aliens coming for sale.

Lisa Feringa 18:25
He does not I mean, he's he wants to use this as his investment and he doesn't want his parking lot because this house is right here and ready to invest that much just to get parking back here.

Bob Newell 18:43
What's the property?

Lisa Feringa 18:46
With with this, this right here? That goes, Okay, this is the property line. And then it jogs right here in this is an odd thing to green. Yes. And one thing that dazzling is vector the civil engineers that generated the site plan and put the space in for him. If you go on Second Street, you'll see the two steaks by the telephone poles are there. But you'll notice the arcs bakery is like sampling the property line, right. And it's all green space to the road. And so I'm working out like how did what happened right here and what type of easement Who does this belong to this village property? Is it part of this extension the runaway guys was looking into that.

Mary B. 19:40
They're not clear yet.

Gretchen French 19:42
When they think we are on the road right away, correct?

Lisa Feringa 19:45
Yeah. Okay. It's 20 feet from the edge of the road to his property lines. Yeah, so just Split typical

Virginia Foley 20:02
right away, right?

Joni Scott 20:04
But they all differ. So we start with our street and

Laura Cavendish 20:06
there's more space.

Lisa Feringa 20:12
Yeah, in the North Fork Creek, it's owned by this parcel, which I get. And then it crosses over and we get right here. And there's this job right in there that says exception. We're not sure what that is right there. Why is it?

Gretchen French 20:33
Could you clarify?

John Woomer 20:35
Like I've followed where you said there were three spots, potentially, yeah, on the other side of the creek, but then you said six more. And actually,

20:43
this goes beyond his property ends right here. But beyond here, there's green space all the way down, it does narrow a little bit because of the creek getting closer and closer to an hour, but I measured it so that you could probably get six

John Woomer 20:59
degrees, that other additional green space.

Lisa Feringa 21:03
It's your right away. So it's

Joni Scott 21:07
okay. It sounds like Gosling's Dewbacks going to confirm

Lisa Feringa 21:14

that you're looking at Rocky was going on about like how you use steaks and TV. And if they were saying that over the years on a plat maps or on paper, that are pointed beginning was always shifting, and that could have caused maybe some of this overlap right in here is gonna see as much information as if you found. And Clinton's the owner, they were hoping to get the three spaces for the rental places on this part, but then have the rest. He's willing to pay and develop it if the village approves it, to get 367 possible parking spaces. But allowing the three that are assigned to be part of his for his tenants to cross over the creek and under properties that way.

Laura Cavendish 22:12
So my understanding of our zoning, for sure is that during site plan review, we do have discretion to waive or adjust the hurricane requirements. If it's fitting to the situation and being in the court district. That's something that we have talked extensively about, I think the issue for you guys is that some of your space is residential. And so how do we approach that if we're waiving parking or changing parking, because residential parking is a little bit different of a need? And just commercial parking, which I personally am fine with none being there for that. But, but that's me. But that being said, I think, to me, as I'm chair of infrastructure, and I feel like this is definitely like the use of right of way, or public space is definitely a DPW question. And like a bigger than the planning commission question for sure. We have infrastructure on Friday, coincidentally, so I could definitely at one o'clock. So I could add it to our agenda for infrastructure for sure. In terms of that question. As far as, like, from my perspective, I know that we do have the ability to waive or change for here requirements. And I think for the most part, there's, you know, consensus among the planning commission that we want to try and eliminate parking lots from the court district as much as possible. And so in that respect, from my perspective, we're kind of on the same page as you were willing to work and figure out what can happen, but I'm just not sure if using the right of way is going to be the way that we can achieve that. I don't know what other options you have. I'm just saying that I'm not sure that that's something that DPW is going to be comfortable with. And then I also think, even if we said okay, so this is just hypothetical, completely hypothetical. But if we were like no parking at all, you don't need any parking spots. What do we do with those residential spaces in the winter when it needs plowed, and the only place that can be as the road and that's not a good situation either for DPW? And for not just our DPW, but road commission? Because they do

Joni Scott 24:30
you know, the main drag?

Laura Cavendish 24:32
So to me, that's the bigger issue, and I'm not sure that we can answer it for you, per se.

Gretchen French 24:39
But I would

Joni Scott 24:41
rather you before we answer that for for you run by infrastructure, because

Laura Cavendish 24:46

it changes a lot, like, well, and not just infrastructure, but definitely Chris Holden, our DPW superintendent to see and my gut is that he's not going to like it. I don't know if you've talked to him at all. No, but I just knowing how difficult it is to maintain the streets and the snow and all of these things. I'm not sure he'll be thrilled with that idea. But maybe I'm wrong. Like we couldn't even answer it tonight. Anyway, this isn't a sound. Yes, yeah.

Joni Scott 25:18
Yeah, I would agree we do have some other situations scenarios where parking has to be, you know, residential spaces have been moved to our Marina moving around, and it does make it hard for those residents in the wintertime. space. So

Laura Cavendish 25:36
yeah, and you're not the first person to notice that art is over the line has been discussing infrastructure many times. It's definitely a non conforming structure that has been there in the lines of

Gretchen French 25:49
whatever quite moment. Yeah.

Jane Gale 25:53
So I think

Bob Newell 25:55
it's covered parking, I wouldn't be uncomfortable seeing that go away, because I really am not comfortable with seeing gasoline and cars, right and immediately adjacent, crammed into wood buildings that are in Century. And I have, I am surprised to cook is even allowed any parking or anything to go on in there. Also, with the new zoning, we're looking at what was the what did they call that to this adding some more space, retail space in there? I think that goes along with the form base. I mean, it's very nice. Check even the street wall. Street wall there. So that is a positive? Yeah,

Joni Scott 26:41
I think the have the option to laid out the least appealing to me would be to have to put a culvert over the creek and take up the green space, I

Laura Cavendish 26:53
don't think Yeah, like that. I would be surprised if people like really want you to do that. And I think it would be challenging with the state and all of the issues with the creek right now as it is. I think, like when I hear you say the walking bridge, even that I'm like, that could be a lot harder than you are aware. But maybe, you know, but I think that that would be great. I just, I also think doing the six spaces is probably even less ideal than the three just because then you're bridging over into other property that is then committing it to arguing for who knows, you know, how would we undo that? I just think that would probably be a challenge that people may not want to tackle.

Gretchen French 27:48
Okay, and then any other questions or comments? Lisa,

Joni Scott 27:53
are you available on Friday? Or should? I mean, Laura, honestly,

Laura Cavendish 27:58
we can definitely talk further. You can't be there, or you can zoom or you know, I could get the same stuff and be sure we have it for the meeting. But yeah, I'm sure obviously we would be beneficial if you were there, though, because it's at one o'clock on Friday. Okay, perfect. Well, I'll be sure to get your wheel and stuff to do. You're gonna be there. Oh, yeah, Chris was always there. And then but I'm hoping the water operator but that

Bob Newell 28:25
pertain but we don't need a motion or anything that record was to I

Lisa Feringa 28:35
really appreciate I'm excited that you're listening to this and appreciate that. And one of one of my other questions is because we have 123 or four, does that mean that four spaces are required? Do we need to reduce it down to three spaces in our 3d rentals in order to have three or you're willing to just set a number according to waving what it says in the zoning? Okay,

John Woomer 29:09
I mean, that's a very interesting,

Laura Cavendish 29:11
yeah, okay. Well, it's really not that we have the discretion to waive or change or adjust the parking, given the circumstances that the situation gives us. I think, to me, being in the court district, and all of the things that we've just explained me and that we are very, like, willing to work with you and see what we can do. It's just a matter of coming up with what solution works because I think that it is really challenging to have a rental that doesn't have a parking spot. So I think we're probably you're gonna want to come up with something and I know John's definitely gonna want to he's but um, but I think that just figuring out how do we do that because there are public parking lots. There are other options potentially, that we address in the winter? Yeah, there's street parking, it's just figuring out what do we do? I think so that everybody is probably very willing to work with you to figure out because we want housing, I mean, we don't want, we don't want to stop you, we want to have as much of that available as possible.

Lisa Feringa 30:33
The plan for the commercial building the infill? Yes, okay, that's approximately if if they fill it into here, it's a little bit further than that repose, that's 1060 square feet approximately. And they would just like to

Gretchen French 30:52
maybe, like

Lisa Feringa 30:54

you said, you know, the streetcar on a straight line. And we'd like to do that B roll traditional on character. And that kind of fits like What was here 100 years ago, and maybe look at some of the historic buildings that were here in the past that aren't here anymore, and maybe pull some elements off of like, a lot of glass, nice terms or stuff along the storefront, maybe recessed the door like they are, and the other two buildings that kind of tie that together and do something. So mosaic floors, we have ideas that we really want the character to be old, nothing modern, which I liked the modern places. I think it's fun. Here, that was our

Joni Scott 31:36
architectural design standards.

Laura Cavendish 31:38
I also think if you look at if you look at our the new zoning that we're looking at adopting, not that we have yet but we're on the precipice event, I think, I hope I only and so if you look at that to the core district, there's a lot of information there and, you know, glass and things like that are definitely outlined, and I think that could help you to okay,

Joni Scott 32:02
and that is on our website,

Laura Cavendish 32:05
a website that I'm sure you could get it.

Lisa Feringa 32:08
Right. And then another question that I have is the conforming, non conforming, but I read through the zoning ordinance, and to me, these properties seem like they are conforming, for the lot, or the structure and in the EU, I just want to make sure that there's nothing we need to do there to get it from Class A and Class B, or anything like that.

Joni Scott 32:38
Not Not unless you're changing

Lisa Feringa 32:44
the residential the residential, commercial apart from this right here and fill in a commercial space we do but as far as the China or Russia or the space we don't have yet but it would probably be something that we're really ready to do a fit out of the interior but but we will have the facade all designed for infrastructure

Laura Cavendish 33:11
on as long as it's used by right, which

Gretchen French 33:15
Yeah, okay.

Lisa Feringa 33:17

And then to move forward on this card, we need to find out some of the parking space first and then from there, once we have some direction on that, get a site plan and then present a site plan to the sport for approval. Yep. Good. Is there anything I'm missing?

Virginia Foley 33:43
F er, ay mga.

John Woomer 33:47
If the eagle does not approve it footbridge across the creek would that change your position on the help useful those parking spots are?

Lisa Feringa 34:00
It depends on the answer to whether they're required or not. Because if you eliminate the parking then our site plan doesn't get approved then there's no direction to government from here besides renovating was already there. We're only talking about people walking around. If there was no footbridge you can come on the sidewalk and it's a block there's other options to explore. But it's totally dependent on neighbor neighboring properties. They went a while these notes shared access to a Drs. obligated to do their apartments up here

Jane Gale 34:47
you can even

Lisa Feringa 34:50
know so they wouldn't be using a software. Yeah, that's what I'm thinking.

Joni Scott 34:53
I mean, everyone would come and

Kathy Wessel 34:57
get it you have to get out into the street

Lisa Feringa 34:59
to get in here. Got

John Woomer 35:03
stairs on the back. You're right.

Lisa Feringa 35:14
We do have an application started with email right now, to see how much they will allow you. It's okay. When you're

Bob Newell 35:25
in the summer, when we get a lot of tourists and visitors here, those two spaces are going to probably be taken by everybody. But I noticed that they were intended to have signage

John Woomer 35:45

I wonder if it would make sense for us to as a group to go over and just observe sight a little bit I think then we're able to speak more intelligently about if we've viewed the space on the other side of the creek and can understand Yeah, what the implications might be

Kathy Wessel 36:04
as a group that was out there the other day and upset and there's guy taking pictures and like, hey, and it's like, it was the owner, like, wait, I really, if you're gonna do a site plan review, I probably shouldn't really be standing.

Lisa Feringa 36:22
Out there, too, I actually parked in the spot right here and measured it. There's plenty of room right here. And there's a lot of screaming from the group. You know, there's a lot of foliage and stuff through here that screws, whatever could be right here. But it is a nice place. But I think it's an excellent option. And I think that it could be more fun to have the path coming down through here. So if this does get you more level, because I would get us for commercial reasons. You can the barrier free access us ramp up again on that site. I'm hoping that evil ours I know we have

Joni Scott 37:11
we have I believe we have an ordinance that prohibits bridges across the creek. That's what I was thinking to you. I just couldn't think of. Yeah, I'd have to look it up. Now. However, the village is involved somehow, one way or another. Okay. All right.

Gretchen French 37:31
Thank you. Yes. Thank you for coming. Now, we hope we can make it to infrastructure on

Lisa Feringa 37:46
Yeah, I'll give it to Germany. Perfect. And then. Awesome. Thank you, everybody. Thank you. Okay, so

Joni Scott 37:54
moving on to our next item in your business. Do you have from Lila township Planning Commission contacted Dana and myself to see if we'd like to do another combined meeting with them. And give us a couple of dates. So I just wanted to spell those out there. See if that will work for anybody so we can get back to her. The more seasoned planning commissioners may remember that at our last joint meeting, we had scheduled a September 13 joint meeting, but they have changed the meeting dates. And so that is no longer an option since it was less. Yeah, so it wasn't even before my time. So this is something that the previous iteration of the planning committee was in favor of doing. So the dates they've thrown out there are October 25th, November 8, and November 22. Anybody can state that

Jane Gale 38:58
thing? Or definitely cannot do. Okay.

Laura Cavendish 39:01
And what what what the

Gretchen French 39:05
feeling is worth it? Yeah. So what's my fifth record? Do

Joni Scott 39:13
we want to throw some dates back at that?

Laura Cavendish 39:15
I think they're picking those are all dates of their meeting. Yeah. So they were planning for it to just be regular ones. Yeah,

John Woomer 39:22
I'm sorry. What was that a Wednesday? Wednesday.

Jane Gale 39:26
They moved their meeting down to Wednesday.

Joni Scott 39:29
7pm. So,

Jane Gale 39:34
October 25. Works for me. That worked for everyone out works for me that night. Oh, that's right. But we can

Kathy Wessel 39:47
I mean, I'm speaking for myself.

Laura Cavendish 39:52
I don't have to bring it this past.

Lisa Feringa 39:57
Okay, so October 25. It is I'm sorry, we're

John Woomer 40:01
gonna location will be.

Joni Scott 40:08
Okay. So moving on to zoning. We do not have an update from Arthur. I did include the Sutton's Bay user, right, because I know we had spoke about that before, if we wanted to include something like this in our new zoning. So I don't know if any of you that have a chance to look at it, if there's any want to discuss this tonight. Or if we want to wait until we get to everything,

Lisa Feringa 40:38
Arthur, that we had, we had,

Joni Scott 40:42

Sony has sent some reminders again. There was an amendment to the contract, originally the spring that for as some of you may recall that our contract with Wade trim was kind of a task and fee associated with that task. And we've gone over in some areas, but haven't completed and other areas. And so my understanding is that they're going to be looking for approval of that the amendments to the TAs. And we did have a conversation about that it was one was in our form base code. And the other was just in our zoning amendments, the extra work that has been done and ours. And so I did speak with Jane Gail, our Finance Chair about and it's on the agenda for the October meeting, which is October 5. And so it needs to be drawing for the Village Council.

Kathy Wessel 41:47
So hopefully, we'll do anything until I mean, okay, that has to be approved them

Joni Scott 41:54
so that they can work on the other tasks. So it doesn't mean he hasn't worked on the other tests. No, he's been he has been floating some hours, but he didn't feel comfortable because he can't build to the other ones that were said that there was some confusion there, because it's $4,300 is additional amendments to our contract with them. And the way I understood his billing is that, you know, they need to get caught up on these items. And then they move on to the others. But he has been the I have sent all the information to him. Virginia has done a wonderful job and are actually going through and completing that. I mean, I think we're just so so. So close that. So I mean, even if that approval is October 5, it should he has the document and so

Gretchen French 42:53
yeah, yeah, we're ready to go. I think.

Kathy Wessel 43:00
I think this is a great idea. But I think we probably my thoughts are we wait until we have.

Joni Scott 43:09
Yes. So I think that we all, most have to see the completed new zoning or events that it's going to have hyperlinks and stuff, and we may not need as extensive as your guide. This is very extensive.

Gretchen French 43:26
Okay, great. Um, we'll just wait until we hear

Mary B. 43:28
back from Arthur and go from there. So Seventh Street, where are we at on Seventh Street. So mainly to finish this stuff. Now. So getting it typed up and finished, and I just

Laura Cavendish 43:42
have not been able to finish. So because of so many other commitments that I have, as well as a lot of personal things that have happened. Which I know isn't ideal for anybody I understand completely, that people want this to move forward to I, you know, if I could have someone else do it, I would, I just don't know how someone else can do it without it taking more time, which is what happened with the zoning. I am extremely hopeful that we'll be able to make progress

because school is back in and so my kids are all in school and all of these things are allowing me to have some time to work. But it also has been really challenging, which I know again, doesn't help anyone but because of infrastructure, and me being sure that there's a lot of really important things happening there to take down Ormus amount of my time as well. And so it's just been really difficult

Gretchen French 44:37
to do that again. Okay, so that's the timeline. Maybe we'll see some Yeah, so

Laura Cavendish 44:45
I won't be able to have it before Friday, because I have infrastructure and there's a bunch that I still have to finish to get ready for that but I'm hopeful that I will be able to get it I was able to get more done on it. Quickly there. And that's because as Virginia knows, like, when you're working on it, if you get interrupted and all these other things, it makes it so that then getting back into it is challenging.

Gretchen French 45:10
So

Laura Cavendish 45:12
I am hopeful, and I will do my very best to have it so that we can have it ready for next meeting, if not before them to look at I mean, obviously, we'll have it ready ahead of time so that people can look because it doesn't do us any good to have it just

Jane Gale 45:25
at the meeting. So

Laura Cavendish 45:28
I'm not sure what has to still be done. I have to finish putting together all of the public comments into the addendum and then making sure that the second one

Lisa Feringa 45:38
doesn't have any mistakes in a second, because we do it without the public comments,

Laura Cavendish 45:44
I guess if we want to, but we had decided that those needed to be all compiled.

Bob Newell 45:50
Can we give ration B? Without the public comments? Can all the other summary? Yes, when number managers later,

Laura Cavendish 45:58
we could do that. But then it's not really the turnover? I mean, I'm happy to turn those I mean, if people want to look at those, but when we have talked about it before people want to do it all together.

Joni Scott 46:09
I think that before we take it to the council, everything needs to be completed. But I think it might be helpful to, for us to refresh our memories in looking at the three.

Laura Cavendish 46:24
Gretchen, and she can email or put them in a Dropbox. Yeah,

Joni Scott 46:29
that's fine. And then as your channel allows, yep, continue to populate the comments. Yep, that's fine. I can have the Great. Yep.

John Woomer 46:40
Didn't we also agree at one point that we have to have a meeting with the public?

Jane Gale 46:46
Yeah, yes.

John Woomer 46:48
I think we're gonna think so what

Joni Scott 46:50
was my understanding? We're gonna try to do that with a village council, though Correct? Meaning, have a public hearing and have a while the trustee needs to be there to hear the former comment and questions. I think

John Woomer 47:06
it's important thing to do. But I'm saying to answer your question. There's a few steps that still need to take place.

Joni Scott 47:14
And we public hearing requires notice days.

Laura Cavendish 47:22
But it has to be published for 15 days. So that's part of the crux because of not only once weekly enterprise publishing

Lisa Feringa 47:33
can take up to three weeks. How much time do you think they'll take you? Once you get like in the zone? If you get an interest of time?

Laura Cavendish 47:43
I would suspect several hours just because if I mean, there's just a lot

Jane Gale 47:47
to pull us still. Because there's two years of public comments. I have come. I mean, I have from when we met in May, I had the public comment from like

Laura Cavendish 48:16
the beginning of the year to they're ready, but it's the ones

Lisa Feringa 48:19
before that. And then the one says okay, well, please, we have an update. Oh, Master Plan.

Joni Scott 48:36
I think with master planning, you've provided us with a kind of

Gretchen French 48:42
like, where we want to go first.

Joni Scott 48:45
So I'm Laura and Kathy, were kind enough to send me some information within James send out some information as well as the date. So we have some options as far as survey questions that I know we discussed last month. Laura had also provided this report masterfan process draft that was based on in Canton, and where are you thinking about this should go out the survey question so we know what the pups that the public

Laura Cavendish 49:13
me the main thing was just being sure that the public was aware of like what the process is and what's happening instead of just getting a survey and not really knowing what it is and we don't have to use this but I also thought it was helpful for myself to even know what typically other people do is the process. This was from MML. And I just think a lot of people don't even know necessarily what the master plan is. And so I just feel like having some additional information to go along with is probably beneficial

Joni Scott 49:44
to know I agree and this is definitely compact.

Laura Cavendish 49:47
Just so people No I did not spend time recently working on this. Yes, I did in like January February when we originally and I just want you to know I did not go, oh, man, I'm really going to do a draft here. This is from like January. And it's just until now that we haven't gotten to this part. So anyway,

Joni Scott 50:09
I think we probably, at least we need to be aware that our master plan needs to go to the County Planning Commission's. And it's not written in here, but that's going to add

Kathy Wessel 50:29
one note, we have to notify. I mean, what I really have to notify township

Jane Gale 50:33
Yeah, yeah. One my understanding

Laura Cavendish 50:40
too is we have to have like a 63 day period for public comments to come in is that that's correct. So I mean, we want to be sure that, and that's part of why I think we want to have something that kind of outlines it for people, it makes it a little easier, I think, for ourselves, the council. I mean,

Joni Scott 50:59
this on top of the survey, or like the first page of the survey, or half of it, yeah, then it people understand what they're getting when they get that information.

Laura Cavendish 51:08
Yeah. And understanding where we are in that process. may not be accurate. Yeah. I mean, if we're going to send out, you know, a survey or whatever, we'll want to check off some of these ones that we've gone through, but yeah,

Joni Scott 51:24
okay, that was my thought. So survey questions, we've got four options. I personally thought classes looks messy. So I don't know how Yes. I really liked this version of Columbia township that Jane provided this afternoon. I feel like it's a very easy read a very user friendly thing. Yeah, we're because I thought Comcast had some really good questions, but they proposed, but I didn't like the format of it. So I don't know how everybody else feels if we want to discuss that and kind of pick mushrooms that we think would be applicable to our situation here, or how you bet you'd like to go with that. So I'd like to just rule out the class. And then Bellaire because they're really more village government oriented as opposed to Planning Commission. And it would be just a ton of work to try to narrow down what's pertinent to the planning process. Anybody have anything in Pawson? Or really develop anything that we should keep or that would be helpful? Okay, so nothing

Gretchen French 52:54
awesome that we're waiting for?

Jane Gale 52:57
I don't think there was anything in there.

Laura Cavendish 53:02
Yeah, I think there were similar questions, but they weren't necessarily and I agree. Yeah, it's makes it harder to answer.

John Woomer 53:12
One thing that I think so many surveys are asking how satisfied are you with this? And that, but it seems to me the next question after that, what changes or improvements would make you increase your satisfaction? Finding out if you're happy or not is always helpful, but tell us what you think we should do to get the scores up? Maybe every question we have that's along those lines of immediate question underneath is, tell us what you would what you did.

Virginia Foley 53:52
I found a lot of surveys for my work. And so just one word of caution is the more open text fields you have, the harder it is to get a data set, right? So, but it's good we want to have, so maybe just not for each question. I would caution us from doing that, because then it's going to be a million different answers, and we're just going to be churning over it for months. I can just visualize that. But you know, having the scale of questions, you know, one to five, and then a few opportunities for open texts, I think would be really smart. Because then you can

John Woomer 54:33
Yeah, it's too long or too laborers people.

Virginia Foley 54:38
That's another thing too. And just in sort of in terms of data collection, it's really good to get like actual numbers. You know, like 75% of people said four out of five, prefer this right? Is a lot better than like 75 different, unique answers. Because yeah, you do it

John Woomer 54:57
might be a being how you of how you approach writing a question, write the questions so that you're getting feedback that will help you to improve the scores or whatever. I mean, just saying I hate it, it's a three. But why why do a two to three? If you don't find out why the greater than three or a two or one doesn't help? Yeah,

Virginia Foley 55:18
we can also steer things to like multiple choice. Okay, you know, if this is your you can build it with logic, right? So it's like, if they say this, then you go to this question, and tell me why you know, and then even tell me why might not be an open text box? It could be, would you prefer 12345 or six other than maybe we'll get like five like concrete things that people respond to? It's hard to talk about in the abstract. But, but you're right on like, the better more work we put into the survey, the better results we'll get out of looking at these examples, yeah, I didn't make

Joni Scott 55:59
copies for everyone. But I brought three copies of the we went to township Master Plan survey that had 505 responses, and many of them came from village residents. And I think that we can integrate their findings into ours, and maybe see if there are some

Jane Gale 56:31
there was there's a

Joni Scott 56:34
copy of the survey form attached to the report. And so we already have captured some I'm not sure the best way to integrate if we just consider doing our survey completely separately, or we tend to cross reference, that final version of the survey we want to do

Gretchen French 57:11
with the township survey.

Virginia Foley 57:17
That was my question. Maybe it's stating the obvious. But like, when we piggyback on my township survey, and I filled it out, I think that was useful. But maybe we can build off that and make it even more specific.

Joni Scott 57:34
Yeah, I was looking, they do have an opportunity for any free text about every type of record or their work.

Laura Cavendish 57:50
I think that your idea, though, of doing multiple choice is really valuable, instead of so many open fields, just because we kind of know what some of them are going to be. And you could always do, you know, option E is other. And so they feel but like, by giving them some of those choices, you're narrowing and helping them to identify what they're really trying to say, because like, for example, with Seventh Street, one of the things that, you know, we've looked at is other things that people have suggested we could use the property for. And that has vary so widely. But then when you give people specific choices, they can respond to just those and not be like, Well, wait a minute. I just want a circuit, yes. But I just think that like some of it is like because they have the open field, then you're like really going off on tangents. Whereas if they see the multiple choice that helps people narrow to like, oh, that does make the most sense. Like, I pick this when I'm really thinking about it with choices in front of me.

Joni Scott 59:05
Because I think if they're well thought out choices, then we're going to get more concrete data than we would in learning something. Well,

Kathy Wessel 59:18
I like the idea of the open questions just having because we're so small, having seen the results of the short term rental survey, which we got back 130. So

Joni Scott 59:28
I filled it out. And I thought

Kathy Wessel 59:31
the actual written answers were really helpful. Because just like John said, if somebody ranks something or I don't know what their three means, or something like that, but

Jane Gale 59:42
they they could.

Kathy Wessel 59:46
It's not that hard realism. I mean, how many will

Joni Scott 59:49
well, and I think I don't think we're really now OpenType still together. I just don't think they wanted after every question, right? Yeah,

Virginia Foley 59:56
sure. I totally agree. Yeah, like this. This has some Open text in key places. It's we have a

Joni Scott 1:00:10
no, not everyone has it. But

Gretchen French 1:00:17
yeah, I mean, I can help with that. So

Kathy Wessel 1:00:21
how many? How many of these would go out? What's the number of homes?

Joni Scott 1:00:29
Seven weeks into every property owner? So there's more parcels I know that Cindy or treasurer sends out over five hours closer to six kind of tax bills. We tend to that list, right?

Jane Gale 1:00:44
Well, you, you'd be sending multiple to one alarm event.

Gretchen French 1:00:50
So you have some dividends? Well, what's our return

John Woomer 1:00:53
rate on my service?

Laura Cavendish 1:00:57
short term rental, there was 37

Joni Scott 1:01:01
that we send out. Yeah. And that's what I was that we send out fewer than 400. And got 137 back, it seems to me was around 360 300 kV, something like that. In 137, that's not a bad return. And the township, getting 505 When we have a population of around 2200, that's

Mary B. 1:01:38
one of the things Sorry,

Laura Cavendish 1:01:40
I'm one of the things too, is that I do want to be sure that we have some stuff in there about millpond but I also want to be sure that that's not the only thing that's in there like that. Like I think that we could ask questions about marina or Hazara, or like be sure I just I want to get data about people's feelings on MILCON as chair of infrastructure that is extremely valuable information to me to be sure we're following what the majority of our citizens think and not just the people who are entering yours. But I also think that if it's the only thing that we ask about specific to Properties in Northport that that then kind of biases it a little bit. And so I just want to be sure that when we're trying to figure out how to include that, that we be sure some of our

other public spaces are. I don't even know what how we want to do that. I'm just saying I don't want it to be the only thing because I think that that makes it weird and stand out.

Joni Scott 1:02:37
So that was going to be my next question is if we want it to try to come up with some questions from what we've got in front of us tonight. Or if we wanted to kind of think on this and come back to it next month. You know, I wonder if we can have a team of two people so it wouldn't have to be a public meeting. Oh, shut down and tried to come on. I

Laura Cavendish 1:03:00
was gonna try to I feel like if somebody could take the township one and make a draft and just throw in some of the things that we know, we want to try to do and then we could all review that one and go from there. I think that'd be a lot faster than sitting in trying to excellent all together.

Gretchen French 1:03:15
Okay, we'll probably

Joni Scott 1:03:18
look at the the Columbia township one, they're opening questions pretty much cover the gamut of what will be what we are putting in the master plan. And I kind of like the simplicity of just filling in a bubble. And we've kind of like to it with some modification measure but okay,

John Woomer 1:03:55
but then again, going back into less you understand why they're reading things the way they're reading, you're not you're missing an opportunity,

Joni Scott 1:04:04
right. So I mean, these are just how important is it to you so you're able to quantify public sentiment but then the more specific questions I wouldn't see us using the questions Columbia township views about consumption of farmland but I like kind of first taking the temperature okay, I will work on it and get you an example for next month.

John Woomer 1:04:47
How long as we take as many questions as we want to think about the questions retargeting I would probably pages that you know, the more we I mean?

Joni Scott 1:05:00
Copy the longer the less response verb. So I would like it to be something back, maybe going to a page and I have

Bob Newell 1:05:08
a lot of people tend to forget that.

Gretchen French 1:05:12
That's true. We don't think we can fit it on one

John Woomer 1:05:15
page. No, I think was

Virginia Foley 1:05:26
doing an online version? I think. Yeah, I think that would be really helpful. I mean, we've mailed them out, or we have to mail them, but he put a link to it where you can do it online.

Bob Newell 1:05:41
What does the mailing cost?

Joni Scott 1:05:44
Quite a bit? Well, a

Lisa Feringa 1:05:46
permit is 55 cents. But that's a postcard. Let you

Laura Cavendish 1:05:55
know No, but it's important. Yeah,

Virginia Foley 1:06:01
yeah. But I think we talked about this, that we we don't have everyone's emails.

Joni Scott 1:06:06
And then everybody has a computer.

Laura Cavendish 1:06:14
Yeah, he was just saying. Like, I don't know what she's talking about, though.

Jane Gale 1:06:26
Barry will help people complete an online if they don't have a computer. And, you know, I

Laura Cavendish 1:06:33
think we need to nail it. But I think it would be great to do an online just like Google, and we'll have a I can have way higher response if you have it

Gretchen French 1:06:42
easier to collate the data. Oh, yeah. Yeah.

Joni Scott 1:06:45
Yeah. And, um, I mean, I think that this is something that we're going to discuss in the planning commission, meeting with the township, it sounds like, but I think that that's why everyone on town ship Community Foundation had such a great response this spring is because they did do an online option. So let's highlight, right?

Laura Cavendish 1:07:06

To the township also have like an in person to date and time that you could go and do it. I'm sure they did. And we could consider that. Yeah, that's what I thought they didn't have a lot of notice. for it. It is my recollection. But but they did that. But they did that too. And that could

Mary B. 1:07:22
always be a consideration.

Virginia Foley 1:07:25
Maybe the more accessible, we make it more inclusive.

Laura Cavendish 1:07:30
You can Yeah, we could do all lanes at the same time so that we get as many responses as possible,

Jane Gale 1:07:35
I think having hardcopy available at the library to for people who aren't property owners, but they're renters? Yeah, there's Yeah. And I can't speak for the staff. But they might be willing to help people with an online option who don't have computers to get logged in. And well, it just like the

Laura Cavendish 1:08:07
meeting postings, we could probably make a flyer that has a QR code or something that takes you right to it that we put at the bank and the post office and a door and stuff like that, too.

Virginia Foley 1:08:17
That's a great idea. And online, you can tell people about it. That's how I found out about the township one. Yeah. Oh, yeah.

John Woomer 1:08:26
Because I moved as it makes sense to ask people to identify themselves. Okay, so you want to follow up with them and

Kathy Wessel 1:08:35
honors we gave them the option if you wanted to, there was a spot if you want.

Joni Scott 1:08:44
If we required it, I would be afraid of it. Yeah.

Kathy Wessel 1:08:50
And people did that work. Who did identify that and then some that didn't know what the percentage was?

Lisa Feringa 1:08:56
More didn't identify themselves.

Virginia Foley 1:09:02

That sounds right. You're gonna get more truthful responses if people felt like they can do it. Yeah. Without I started. Yeah. I quit my job

Joni Scott 1:09:33
he's getting all the time. Okay. Okay, so I'm gonna work on a mock up and I'll bring that for next month. I know last month I had given you a lot of paper, evidence trees, on the population data and for the master plan that we had already discussed, and I didn't know if we want to go backwards right now or if we want to keep moving through time. occasionally come back to it. Fundamentally, I have them here.

Gretchen French 1:10:08
It was the housing. Well, yeah, there were some demographic data there was housing data

Joni Scott 1:10:17
and I didn't know how you know comprehensively wanted to see with what's there I was trying to pull from the two surveys that are the two packets that I provided last month on demographics that we have to have LTCs impact committee from April 24 2003. Housing yeah housing

Bob Newell 1:10:53
pretty much every

Jane Gale 1:10:55
other reason zoning

Joni Scott 1:11:04
shut down your computer Yeah, that's because we messed up on that one

Jane Gale 1:11:23
I was so worried about getting

Joni Scott 1:11:30
I told you, I want to talk about this, if we haven't gotten so have it ready to pull. Everybody can look at it. So page two, the Leelanau township demographic, I thought this might be something that would be nice to incorporate into and I guess these don't have page numbers. So the population trends and seasonal population

Lisa Feringa 1:11:54
section in the

Joni Scott 1:11:56
and the Demographics section. Oh, they are here. And I'm like getting old. So I'm gonna do that. It's um, page 13 of the master plan where the population trends and talks about students seasonal population, I thought that this chart that we might want to insert into that section and the placement of a chart that

Jane Gale 1:12:19

is there now. Do you think I remember pulling that page and stuffing it in? Yes.

Joni Scott 1:12:30
I think it just gives a lot of good information and it's very current compared to what's in there so I think it would be a nice addition for this section putting in this section replace that chart with page two that

Laura Cavendish 1:12:55
does that chart have anything about seasonal or recreational use of housing and access the only thing that well that's chart has the other one doesn't right

Joni Scott 1:13:06
right and that was the next thing that I found some the housing now data

Laura Cavendish 1:13:18
I'm not saying we have to incorporate it in that other chart I'm just saying we want to be sure we still have that data somewhere probably Yeah.

Joni Scott 1:13:24
I'm just not i This isn't what I wanted. This is the better version. So

Jane Gale 1:13:30
that is there hold on one second. Let me look

Joni Scott 1:13:40
we're not finding it but I know that I had something with seasonal data because I do think that's important as well. So okay. So Hey, Jimmy V. I dash to have the housing now survey. That would be in this one program. And I don't even know how to tell you to get to it maybe. Yeah, it's called overall housing supply secondary data. Because this thing something can.

Gretchen French 1:14:34
Sorry.

Joni Scott 1:14:39
housing characteristics

Jane Gale 1:15:10
They don't have the page numbers.

Laura Cavendish 1:15:11
The same as the document. It's very frustrating.

Joni Scott 1:15:15
So sorry, because it's so big I didn't.

Gretchen French 1:15:37

Get there? Which is which? So five to

Joni Scott 1:15:44
two is my page that I'm looking at. As far as the bottom

Jane Gale 1:15:52
I would say it's a little less than halfway through the document.

Laura Cavendish 1:16:00
is kind of helpful, maybe, because there's two or three pages. So maybe try it and see where we're at version. And then go down to the bottom and see where what number it's I think we're getting close.

Gretchen French 1:16:19
To home, I have a monitor. Oh, yeah. So I was

Joni Scott 1:16:30
like, this is for land four right now. So we need to get going. Six?

Lisa Feringa 1:16:38
Yes, don't look at the screen.

Gretchen French 1:16:41
Oh, you just asked it.

Joni Scott 1:16:56
Okay, so this shows the occupied and vacant housing units by tenure for the 2022 students. And it has percentages on there from the normal County. So maybe we can incorporate just those numbers are specific numbers for Leland County in? Yes, he's our population data. I wish I had something that was closer to the township, I just haven't been able to find it yet. Now, maybe in October, when we have that meeting, joint meeting with the planning portion and the Community Foundation gives us some data, maybe we'll want to replace? Yeah, we're playing something in here. Because hopefully we can get something closer with a township. That's what I'm hoping at least in your in the township. I know, the village,

Laura Cavendish 1:17:35
I think for our own data to pull would be how many are non homestead, but that still doesn't really tell you for sure.

Jane Gale 1:17:43
How it's being used? Exactly. Right. I mean,

Joni Scott 1:17:48
nine homes that could be still a rental.

Laura Cavendish 1:17:52

Right? Correct. So it still might be that there's people there like it's just I just was trying to think if there's any other way. I don't know how super

Joni Scott 1:17:59
cool that. So I'm hoping to get something more specific. But at this point, this is the best thing

Laura Cavendish 1:18:04
other than ask people we could ask in the survey to Moses, we're not getting 100% return rate.

Joni Scott 1:18:10
Yeah, yeah, I was looking at what the township asked. Oh, yeah. Because you did have that Township. So yeah, they, about 60% of the respondents classify themselves as year round residents. But that doesn't tell you if they're just seasonal or if they're people who go to Arizona in February

Laura Cavendish 1:18:36
plus, I honestly think the people who are gonna fill out the survey are probably more likely to be people who are here, year round, or a majority of the year versus people who are fairly here, because they're probably less likely to see that they even had a survey to fill out.

Joni Scott 1:18:51
Recycling Bin right, hopefully I'm putting it out there. So anyway. Okay. So that was information I found on the seasonal population. Like I said, I hope we can get more specific but that's like that's moving to page 14 for the aging population. And we go down a couple pages in the same same survey, IV dash

Gretchen French 1:19:23
eight

Joni Scott 1:19:27
open housing North it provides, again by the county and the population by age. So I thought that we could enter and coorporate those numbers on a more recent but it's the 2020 10 census now that I'm looking at it. So I don't know how recent it is. Didn't we have another census 2020 So we need to pull that data, don't me. Okay, and then Am I expect that I'm working out? And I, we were talking about that one

Kathy Wessel 1:20:08
point about the 2020 census. And then we talked about how that's not even going to be accurate, because everything that happened after COVID

Laura Cavendish 1:20:17
Yeah, we still have to put something in. Yeah. I mean, we don't want to leave it with the data that it is because that's quite dated. You know, I mean, I think it'd be better to update to 2020 knowing. I mean, I just, there's only so many ways we can collect the information and we can't do a full data collection on our own. Like, we can't do our own senses. So peace of mind. Yeah. Yeah.

Jane Gale 1:20:42
Yeah. Too soon. Yeah, too soon.

Laura Cavendish 1:20:46
I don't know it's true yet. So let's wait.

Gretchen French 1:20:53
Okay, so.

Lisa Feringa 1:21:08
Now that I realize there's so many know, because I really, when that stuff applies.

Joni Scott 1:21:22
It does have projections for 2022 to 2027. But like you said, we're screwed because of changes. So I don't know if this is something we want to use. It does sound like heads Absolutely.

Gretchen French 1:21:46
And then, of course, the affordable housing workforce housing section, which are numbers from 2016 to 2020.

Joni Scott 1:21:58
Most accurate, I've been able to think that's accurately not true.

John Woomer 1:22:09
Fella, that's who's the person that works for the county circulator. Or Yeah.

Jane Gale 1:22:17
He's our representative housing

John Woomer 1:22:21
might be a good resource for

Joni Scott 1:22:25
that. Been working with the foundation on gathering the housing data that they gave us, okay. But they're no big deal package of bills, get through Congress and signed in Michigan. And they're starting to work more on different projects, and there may be updated. Okay, so now moving on, we want to start going to start where we left off, I think we saw some time, where do we want to

Lisa Feringa 1:23:07
move on to report so we're at 726. How's everybody doing?

John Woomer 1:23:14
Well, we've finished the reports. And then the additional time analysis is that we're fun.

Joni Scott 1:23:30
Oh, first up is an administrator what's going on? And so you so I know. I know. I already looked at

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the agenda too. Oh, I

Virginia Foley 1:23:51
read it. Yeah. Oh,

Joni Scott 1:23:58
my final week since the zoning. Everyone wants to talk to me that there has been a lot of phone calls a lot of meetings. And I'm, I'm keeping Mr. Dyer informed and included. And so he will be coming on October 1. But and attending your meetings. Again, I don't know. Did anyone have any questions over my report? What's occurred

Lisa Feringa 1:24:28
since then? So

Laura Cavendish 1:24:31
we did I saw as a trustee, I'd asked about the hospital and I did see the email that was forwarded that they did get their grant approved. Correct their brownfields. Yeah. Which I think is great for everyone to know and do this. Right. Yes. Yeah. But definitely, yeah. Which is really exciting. Yeah. Yeah, incredibly exciting.

Joni Scott 1:24:55
So can I resize the zoning for worry of appeals meeting that you had last week. Has there been anything that's happened since then? As far as the owners trying to write the violation or? No. So there hasn't been any private. Read on that. Okay. No additional information. They're given the opportunity come back for it. To look at their site plan, amend their site plan,

Laura Cavendish 1:25:27
expand their special use you or

Lisa Feringa 1:25:29
child forbearance. Yeah, I had to go back

Joni Scott 1:25:33
and plug it in so that I could have a transcript of it. See, because I was being taught someone was talking to me during the meeting. So when it was all said and done, like, I don't know what just happened. Bother me, honestly. However, I do have the transcript and the recording is on our

Jane Gale 1:25:52
YouTube

Joni Scott 1:25:54
page. Although I, as I mentioned earlier, unfortunately, the first 15 minutes is what I'm told,

Kathy Wessel 1:26:03
was muted. That may be crazy. I thought planning my doing wrong.

Joni Scott 1:26:11
It wasn't until we got a member of the public come into the meeting said oh, you're muted. Myself.

Kathy Wessel 1:26:17
Yeah. Because I watched it later. So

Joni Scott 1:26:22
yeah. I'll put the details and dismissed me reading a prepared statement.

Laura Cavendish 1:26:30
Well, and I think Kevin and Sean's yes leaking, muted too, which is really unfortunate, but not intentional. Obviously,

Joni Scott 1:26:39
I can I can capture that. Yeah. Yes. Yeah. So stay tuned. They have 90 days to

Gretchen French 1:26:53
run the trustee report. Yeah.

Joni Scott 1:26:59
did not include a summary of the Zoning Board of Appeals. It's simply the.

Jane Gale 1:27:11
Meeting September 7, you have any questions?

Kathy Wessel 1:27:25
One question. million when we talked about the million

Gretchen French 1:27:29
we're talking about the big pavilion or

Kathy Wessel 1:27:33
what the other the other thing?

Joni Scott 1:27:36
So the cat home? A billion will be where we took in the park has been I mean, he's been doing it for

Lisa Feringa 1:27:45

3030 years. has been happening for 38 years can help them Yeah. 38.

Joni Scott 1:27:56
Well, it will be some type of installation at the choice of Northport Performing Arts Center. They are going to order and pay for the whatever it is they install with final approval coming from the village council.

Jane Gale 1:28:23
Yeah, I suspect that it will be some type of

Joni Scott 1:28:30
the parks and trails committee didn't meet but I did learn that we have grants totaling about $60,000 to go towards replacing the old wooden playground equipment. The cost estimate was probably around 85. And so we still were my name is. I'm sorry. I think we ask for public donations.

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Think

John Woomer 1:29:20
that's the playground equipment by the beach. Yes.

Lisa Feringa 1:29:24
Yeah. South Beach. Yeah.

Jane Gale 1:29:30
Chris McCann has been working with a supplier that has beautiful new, indestructible, almost equipment.

Gretchen French 1:29:44
splinters

Virginia Foley 1:29:47
and that's about council meeting, but I'm wondering what's going on a short term rental test.

Jane Gale 1:29:55
People are being asked to submit letters of interest to serve on it. And I'm not. We have a lot of people volunteering. That I don't know, right now where Chris is in the sorting process. And I don't know if we've had other applicants since the meeting. And that were Yeah.

Lisa Feringa 1:30:27
It is happening. Yeah, sure. Go.

Virginia Foley 1:30:30
We're kind of behind. makes me worried.

Gretchen French 1:30:35
Okay. Any other questions on interesting report? Okay, tree committee

Bob Newell 1:30:41
is one thing. It's not a committee, but its infrastructure. But it is relevant to us executive taking down currently about 10 of the aged out trees, you will see them, you're starting on the south end of the village, and they're working their way up to the Sixth Street, maybe master craft. So anyway, to come on. Now. I'm thinking they'll be finished maybe tomorrow. Jane was very timely in her mentioned. Because we've, we talked about continuing the two barrels and actually adding to that, and she was at the meeting, tree committee meeting. So yeah, we decided to go ahead with that and keep going with it. Right now, we're pretty much decided on going with a particular grant that we have money for that will go out and then come back right back to us, again, consumers. So that's a cause. And we're looking at that. And right now we are looking for sites, proposal sites, that can be they can take a tree, whether it's this year or into the future, we're looking to assemble a good list of sites. So we've always got maybe 15 or 20. Each year we can put in. And the other thing was a new one, which was the holiday or Christmas tree, what what the options are, put a report together for the council. So with the choices, somewhat similar to what we're doing with Seventh Street, where we will come up with the different options and the implications of each option, and then submit that to council and then they can make a decision.

Gretchen French 1:32:22
So that's pretty much

Bob Newell 1:32:23
it. But we plan to begin planning and have planted maybe 15 to 20 trees this next year, and it's going to be an ongoing program. So every year, we put in maybe 15, or 20 trees into the future, we can't just put them in and that's it. Gotta keep going with that program. So they as they age, more new ones come in, they don't all die at one time.

Joni Scott 1:32:50
So we did discuss the possibility of having an adopted tree program,

Bob Newell 1:32:57
yes. Trees that go in, we would ask people who adapt, I'm gonna keep an eye on them, and give phone call when something doesn't look right or to, you know, help water them because we have those bags in Gator bags. And they can keep themselves like once a week, and normal weather. So they get about 15 gallons a week, which should be good. And I've already talked to four seasons nursery, Brian Zimmerman. And he's already got a list for us a 15 trees that are native, and that fit into that $3,000 range. And they'll deliver all that at one time for 100 bucks. And we'll get a planting mix that will go in with the trees. And we've talked to Chris Holden, and there's an area behind the DPW building where we can place all 15 trees with a holding pattern in the one spot, so we can take them out to plant them. And we don't have to do them all at one time, like

Joni Scott 1:33:56
so you're going to be throughout the village during a certain site. Now right

Bob Newell 1:33:59
now I can be throughout the village depends on what sites we get. That's where it helps. Because if we've got sites with with trees, and if we can get sites if we get 30 or 40 sites proposed, then we can scatter them. But right now what we're looking at, you know, there's a bunch of them on Mill Street, and, you know, places where they're needed. And but if there's others, by all means, you know, put them in, we will put those sites down. And we encourage the public to, you know, come in and ask, ask for a treat as well. And we'll we'll basically look at the site and see what size tree it can take. Okay,

Joni Scott 1:34:33
we're possible, they'll try to replant where they are coming down. But that's sometimes easier said than done.

Bob Newell 1:34:43
That's why it's nice to have alternative sites so that when two or three years from those sites are ready to plant, we're ready to plan out. We don't want this to just be a one time thing like was really before we do it and then that's it for sure. If somebody decides to do it again. We want Do this every year, I'm going into the future.

Joni Scott 1:35:08
So what's your total up to?

Bob Newell 1:35:10
Oh, well, we got about 7000.

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Plus whatever we got the

Bob Newell 1:35:15
truck was. Excellent.

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That's a short year, started mid June.

Gretchen French 1:35:24
Can you elaborate on the Christmas tree?

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Let's actually,

Bob Newell 1:35:30
we did have a report on our shelves, tree service. So they have fun. And Matt had volunteered for our last relief planting in his last October. And while he was there, but I'd ask him to take a look at the village tree and give us an idea of whether there's this whole forest and he said no, it's, you know, we can be about three or four applications in that it would run maybe about 800

to 1000 a year. And we can keep it going. However, it's you know, it is the tree is older. And so we're proposing or we're basically suggesting that they may look at a replacement tree. And if we can get that in starting now, by the time that one ages out, we can have another tree. But is this in the same spot?

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I don't know that this is what Dave said that

Bob Newell 1:36:26
I have often thought that maybe it was on the right away the street right away. A Dave Tompkins? No, it's an actual on private property. So and the villa that property is currently for sale. So we don't know that could change things, preferably.

Jane Gale 1:36:45
So it was treated. This year was it was this year, there was a voluntary voluntary donation. Oh, great. So she can do

Joni Scott 1:37:00
this. And it's been was

Jane Gale 1:37:04
I haven't been told. So. Yeah, I was just confirmed that

Joni Scott 1:37:09
the tree has been treated.

Bob Newell 1:37:11
Great. So yeah, it's partials report, I forwarded a copy of it to you. Yeah, because they basically said there was two problems with it. And I only have with me now but there's a spruce blight and there's a an aphid type of thing that you know, as an insect these things can be treated for and you know, prolong the life of the tree for quite well. We can raise that money with the tree committee

Gretchen French 1:37:47
any other questions for Bob? Okay, do we want to circle back to well, circle back to zoning for a little bit?

Joni Scott 1:37:57
What 741

Jane Gale 1:37:59
Master Plan

Gretchen French 1:38:00
Master Plan sorry. Okay. Okay. So I'm

Joni Scott 1:38:07
showing any end of that page 21 So

Lisa Feringa 1:38:11
starting on 2246 Instead

Gretchen French 1:39:07
what do you think like, what do you six

Laura Cavendish 1:39:12
don't think we did I mean, unless I didn't say on my notes. I'm like my bubbles on

Gretchen French 1:39:22
45 So that's why I thought someone else could have been. Oh, original bubble. Okay, so maybe I was right in saying 21 Because I had gone through it when I converted it and I thought that 22 Sorry, that's okay.

Joni Scott 1:39:46
But yeah, we definitely make changes on your Patreon.

Lisa Feringa 1:40:19
So I'm showing we're in this section

Joni Scott 1:40:23
we're in this section and we think or something

Gretchen French 1:40:46
I mean, mine I have

Laura Cavendish 1:40:47
for the seasonal housing and schools and public safety yellows, obviously, we just need to update and make sure the data is accurate because there's lots of those around.

Lisa Feringa 1:40:54
That kind of goes without saying, right and we know we need to go through it. Update

Kathy Wessel 1:41:02
also under transit, I wanted to be sure that when you look

Laura Cavendish 1:41:08
at the second paragraph, I want to be sure all the stuff that it's talking about and like the pilot program, that those are all still actually available.

Joni Scott 1:41:19
Even has changed. It's still available but yeah, that does.

Laura Cavendish 1:41:30
Well, like is the program we will have a wellness still, I don't even know if that's that's what I'm saying. That still exists or if it's called that anymore or in mistake.

Lisa Feringa 1:41:39
I think the virus genic combined with sugar burping the coordinating. Yeah, I mean, we have to look into that. Yeah. Checking to interrupt, but I have no idea. Where are you guys?

Laura Cavendish 1:41:54
Yeah, no, sorry. I'm sorry. So let's go to this section. Okay. And when you were in the second paragraph, it's talking about beta services, which is a little different than what it is now. Okay. So we would need to adjust because now it's not a fixed route. It's like okay, and then the staff is still on the same so anyway, and then the Leelanau County Senior Services that it's talking on a little later in that paragraph just disappeared. Computers they're talking about a program called Whelan Oh, wellness, which I'm not sure if that's still what it's called, or it's still even available or whatever, so we might need to remove it. I think

Joni Scott 1:42:38
since it's all kind of on demand. It's just folded into their

Laura Cavendish 1:42:45
well that's what I don't know if it seems like what they're talking about is that senior services offered those rights directly. And I don't know and plus they just changed who was in charge of their department also so like I don't know if that's the same and I just don't want to leave it in there.

Lisa Feringa 1:43:02
It's not so I wanted to do why is it so weird? Okay.

Jane Gale 1:43:10
Technology Yeah, it's telling you it's tight.

Virginia Foley 1:43:14
i That's how we're sorry guys

Gretchen French 1:43:23
that's okay. We can mean somebody says so if we want to. Hi, isn't that strange?

Joni Scott 1:43:32
But a feminine

Lisa Feringa 1:43:33
Oh. Okay, guys. So I think that airport winds organized change, too.

Laura Cavendish 1:43:48

Yeah, there's a whole bunch that is updating data. Because like literally every single one of those sections has data that we want to update. It's not the counties anymore it's the township Yeah.

Kathy Wessel 1:44:05
No, I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about share. It's talking about sharing

Gretchen French 1:44:15
yeah so the county doesn't.

Jane Gale 1:44:42
Yeah, yeah, there's

Laura Cavendish 1:44:43
so many I mean, I really think we'll want to

Jane Gale 1:44:46
just have us read through and

Laura Cavendish 1:44:50
highlight those and just change them to whatever the new data is, or delete them.

Gretchen French 1:45:08
consumers still

Laura Cavendish 1:45:09
really the only one from a village or a secure land to because they overlap so much

Jane Gale 1:45:13
into

Laura Cavendish 1:45:17
consumers, right? Yeah, I understand that. Yeah. Okay. Yeah.

Lisa Feringa 1:45:23
We can just do something like that. And I don't really know how it works. I've never taken the BAM. Come on.

Laura Cavendish 1:45:41
Yeah, there's an app where you can request it now or you can all

Gretchen French 1:45:46
right.

Jane Gale 1:45:53
In the second to the last sentence,

Joni Scott 1:45:57
or Kathy had reference where it talks about being an icon, the Senior Services, we have to

Jane Gale 1:46:05
look into whether that's stone.

Laura Cavendish 1:46:10
And yeah, and if it is still that it's not a pilot program anymore. Yeah. So

Bob Newell 1:46:16
oceans out that newsletter, newsletter, senior

Jane Gale 1:46:21
email. Senior Services, yeah, we have for the County,

John Woomer 1:46:28
Georgia covered.

Jane Gale 1:46:41
We would not be receiving services.

Laura Cavendish 1:46:50
For me, the next two pages are the maps, which there is. I mean, I assume we're gonna update the maps and fix them because there's some spelling mistakes. And then one of the things on the map is all the recreational things. We've just identified all of the ones that are ours,

Lisa Feringa 1:47:09
which I get. But the

Laura Cavendish 1:47:16
township lists the marina and Hazara, and there's also and so I just wondered since the dog park is within if we should list it, but like, identify that it's township or something just because it's within the village

Gretchen French 1:47:27
within the village. Yeah, I

Joni Scott 1:47:31
think stuff. It's within the village. We don't need to highlight Bremen Hill,

Lisa Feringa 1:47:38
but Dr. Axe and a new one. Right. Yeah. I think we should.

Jane Gale 1:47:50
Even though we don't know what it is. I also

Laura Cavendish 1:47:55
wondered, so recreational ask Yeah, but we have stuff on here already. That is township like the horseshoe has identified. So we just can color it though. Yeah. The other one that I wondered if we should add because it's supposed to be recreational assets in the village if we could should consider adding the highlands pool because they do already have Northport public schools and only one on conservancy as ownership. So it's not like it's all and that is a community asset. And, man, it is recreation. And I think that it might be

Gretchen French 1:48:26
something to consider. Yeah.

Laura Cavendish 1:48:31
The only thing I wasn't sure it's because obviously they charge money for you to use it. But like, I also think that the intent and the reason it was built was so that the community can use

Gretchen French 1:48:41
so. Sorry, and

Laura Cavendish 1:48:56
one more thing, too. On that same map. It says Northport municipal bathing beach. Don't we call it South Beach. Yeah. So I like yeah. Sorry. I'm trying to read my notes and we should put the pavilion could be on there too. Right. Yeah, I think it's on there. We can put in a hole in the candle, really and write

Gretchen French 1:49:19
especially because that's something we

Laura Cavendish 1:49:20
allow people to rent. So I mean, I think putting that on there. Yeah, makes sense. Yeah. Are there other things that people can rent that aren't on this map that that we could add Zeebo was EVO, so we should add that to

Joni Scott 1:49:32
probably a lot of people reserve out by the anchor. Really just Yeah.

John Woomer 1:49:41
Like wedding photos, wedding as

Laura Cavendish 1:49:45
well and has arrived is the one that has arrived as your camera so I wonder if we could put it just like as an identifier with Hazara like with that definition, because it's the same spot on the map. Otherwise, it's gonna be two dots right on top of each other. But that way, just because then if you're like, where am I going to rent me? And then there is a map somewhere at least that you could identify to people, or that even could be used on the website is like when you're filling out rentals. Where's where are these locations?

Lisa Feringa 1:50:10
Yeah, yeah.

John Woomer 1:50:20
Actually, you can even rent a golf course. clubhouse. I mean, I use it.

Laura Cavendish 1:50:26
So let's look at the dama. Yeah, and the golf course is on the map. But you're right. It doesn't say so we can

Lisa Feringa 1:50:34
include the clubhouse or something? We've got six minutes.

Joni Scott 1:50:47
till eight o'clock. So

Gretchen French 1:50:48
do we want to stand? Or do we want to do public comment? Board Member comment?

Joni Scott 1:50:54
I think we're good at stopping here. And here. And actually,

Laura Cavendish 1:50:58
can I say one more thing about the maps? No shores? Two words? Correct. And it's spelled as one and it bugs me on that map. So just I just want to point out, sir, says Smith Avenue, does it? It does wonderful. So, and I don't know why we don't. Because I just found out what the name of the street is. You only have Main Street

Lisa Feringa 1:51:16
on there. And which I just learned the name of that street. Yeah. And they Street? Yeah, because

Laura Cavendish 1:51:25
they have it as rows. But it doesn't stay rows like. So anyway. And that's Yeah.

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may overhear things. And

Lisa Feringa 1:51:35
then this is Main Street, going through work to try to make it as confusing as possible.

Laura Cavendish 1:51:43
But then all the turns and name changes and everything.

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The kids go out instead of milk. People

Joni Scott 1:52:13
it isn't important. Yeah, there were a number of things that weren't

Gretchen French 1:52:20
open. So we'll start there next, next time.

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Joni Scott 1:52:30
How about nearby recreation facilities? On page five.

Gretchen French 1:52:45
All right. Moving on to public comments,

Joni Scott 1:52:51
anybody out there in zoom that would like to make a comment. Like and would go ahead of yourself muted, you're muted again.

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Just have one technical comment. Virginia has been shoot screen sharing her screen during a lot of the meeting, while she's typing. And for me, I believe and I don't know, for other people, it means that we only can get a really teeny tiny view of the of the people speaking. And we're watching her move her cursor back and forth as she's correcting. So I just, I'm not sure that's the best thing. It's really helpful for documents that you're discussing. But when she's typing, we're seeing her screen. You don't I mean? So you might want to think about not screen sharing while she's typing minutes is what I'm getting at. But more substantively, I just wanted to say, as someone who's worked a lot in the field of strategic planning and survey research, I'd like to second I think it was Virginia's comment about trying to get questions that you will be able to get some solid answers to and not all just open ended questions because it makes it too hard to get the data in a format that is very usable. And along with that, I just like to say that the master plan is not supposed to be about any specific issue, as I understand it, and so I would raise a little bit of caution about including in your survey information about something like the millpond or a specific park or whatever because you could skew your results. And that's also not really the way decisions about the millpond for instance just to take one are supposed to be made They, they're going to be made on the basis of financial data and scientific data engineering data, not just on public opinion. And I just would caution against skewing your masterplan data and who might respond to your survey by by including some sort of hot button current political issues that can really mess up survey research. Good luck, I hope that the master plan gets aligned with the Leelanau township plan. I know you guys were talking about that, throughout the meeting, I think it's really important that the two documents be coordinated, because we really are one community. And some of the decisions that have to be made in the future are about some big picture issues about economic housing and environmental data. And lastly, what we found looking at the Leelanau township master plan was that these documents tend to be sort of have gotten into a little bit of a format over time, and people tend to copy their their previous year's

format, you know, their previous five year format. And one of the things that we learned in the Leelanau township situation is that the format had very limited scope for discussing environmental issues. And for many of us environment and energy issues, which are really coming to the fore in our, in our world, in our locality and so on are really critical. And so I would suggest on on the master plan, that you'd be sure that the sentiments of the community in terms of what they see in the future and what they want in terms of environment, and energy issues, get addressed in the master plan. Thanks very much. Thank you and

Gretchen French 1:56:47
anyone else? Who doesn't look like it? So moving on to board member comment.

Joni Scott 1:56:58
So I'd like to thank and for making some very relevant points. And I know she has the professional experience to back up her recommendation. So I appreciate her. Her comments very much.

Laura Cavendish 1:57:16
Yeah. And I think that once we have a draft, I mean, I think it'd be really helpful. There are members of the public that have asked me about the survey and looking at the questions at a time to give input also. And I think the same thing I of course was thinking of and also that it will be nice to hopefully be able to get some feedback when we have a draft for people to look at before it goes out.

Gretchen French 1:57:40
Anyone else?

John Woomer 1:57:42
I knew I was reading, I think was a news feed about some zoning things going on in Traverse City recently. And what they said is that in Traverse City, for the height of residential buildings, I think it says 35 foot like we have been, but what they said they're considering gun in Traverse City is saying is changing it to say that if you have a sloped roof, the height is 35 feet. But then if you're building a more contemporary type of building, like we have behind the Pentagon collection, it'll be 25 feet because they said when these Modern's boxy type structures go up, particularly when we're, we're talking about moving closer to our lot lines, they can, the mass visually is really large to the homes next door. So it's sort of a cosmetic thing. That's kind of an interesting concept. So if they say that would restrict these kinds of homes to two storeys if they have a flat roof, but if you have a slope of 35 So I thought that was something to think about, and it's kind of insane. You could also do it

Laura Cavendish 1:58:55
in zones to like that way, it would still potentially be 35 in the core no matter what, but you could consider in like our two or three or four right, you know, because those are like purely residential districts,

John Woomer 1:59:07

right? That was a little different. When I look at this, just at this building, if this was three storeys, which it could be if it was 35 feet. I just think that might be really oppressive to the house next door to have this huge block right next door so I thought that was something I wanted to share.

Gretchen French 1:59:25
Thank you. Other comments. Okay, motion to adjourn. Kathy seconds and so we are adjourned

Joni Scott 1:59:43
at 803

1:59:53
No

Laura Cavendish 1:59:57
surprise because I didn't have