

Woodhull Township Planning Commission

March 18, 2025 Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Woodhull Township 7315 Beard Rd. Shaftsbury, MI 48872

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Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scovill at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

Members present at roll call: Scovill, Slavik, Dean, Thronson, Webb, Ryan and Daenzer.

Delegation of Visitors

Welcomed all visitors/voluntary sign-in sheet was available to all attendees to sign in.

Approval of Agenda

Webb made a motion, supported by Dean, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 7 yeas/0 nays.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Dean and supported by Daenzer to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 7 yeas/0 nays.

Public Comment Period

The public comment period was opened. There was no public comment. Chairman Scovill closed the public comment period.

Old Business –

A. Updates on the Master Plan - Alex Hritcu from Rowe worked with the planning commission in drafting goals and objectives for the Woodhull Township Master Plan according to the results of the collected surveys. The goal is to outline the outcome of what the community wants in the Master Plan of Woodhull Township. The current draft will include:

*Preserve natural resources and rural character and enhance the quality of life for residents.

- Preserve and protect environmentally sensitive areas.

- Sustain the township's significant agricultural character and heritage.

- Rehabilitation of mining sites to and preserve scenic views.

- Preserve woodlands and water features.

- Protect groundwater supply.

- Hazardous materials.

- Promote individual wellness, community vitality, and environmental sustainability

Support recreational and leisure opportunities for township residents

Provide a range of recreational facilities and activities to township residents.

*Maintain quality housing opportunities that meet the needs of new and long-term residents.

Encourage the development of a mix of residential housing densities in anticipation of projected population growth, matching the current population trends in the township.

Complete an analysis of the current housing stock and identify key missing housing types.

Evaluate the location criteria of single-family housing and medium-density housing.

Determine future land use classifications to ensure adequate land is available for housing development.

Short term rental.

*Promote quality commercial development while maintaining the rural identity and character of Woodhull Township.

Support efforts to diversify the Township's commercial base.

Provide opportunities for commercial uses that meet the daily needs of Morton r residents.

Direct commercial development to areas of the township where it will not negatively impact residents.

Promote the development of a clean, high-quality industrial base that allows residents to work and live in the township.

*Encourage and promote pedestrian and vehicle traffic improvements for the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Maintain strong working relationships with State of Michigan Transportation (MDOT) Shiawassee County Road Commission.

Plan road improvements to coincide with development.

*Develop plans for development and maintenance of public facilities and services to the development of the township in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible.

Encourage cooperation with adjacent communities relative to the shared responsibility of providing public services that cannot be realistically provided by individual communities.

Encourage adequate cable and internet services to all residential homes.

Plan for the most efficient and effective method of providing emergency services.

Collaborate with neighboring communities for a new medical care facility to provide faster response times, increase in service level and closer to resident's needs.

Evaluate local fire departments to improve service level and response times.

Evaluate local police service with the county sheriff to alter any necessary patrol and response times.

Consider the need for a master storm water drainage plan that addresses existing and anticipated surface water drainage problems.

Study the possibility of acquiring land for community facilities and/or services.

Moving forward the next set of steps will be that Mr. Hritcu will present the WTPC future land use map and clean up objectives and strategies for Woodhull Township, followed by preparing a draft of the Master Plan.

New Business –

A. Shaftsbury Hotel LLC – Ryan gave an update. The county did approve the application to continue to move forward with the plans for Shaftsbury Hotel property.

General Public Comment: The general comment period was opened by Chairman Scovill. No public comment was offered. Chairman Scovill closed public comment.

Adjournment – The motion to adjourn was made by Dean and supported by Daenzer. Motion passed 7 yeas/0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Brewer

Woodhull Township Planning Commission

Recording Secretary