

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 12:30 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan

I. Call to Order

Chairman Straus called the hearing to order at 12:30 PM.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

Trish Martin

Jim Pettit

Michael Straus

Anneke Myers

Mary Dufina

ABSENT

Lee Finkel

STaff: Erin Evashevski, David Lipovsky

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve as presented.

Motion made by Dufina, Seconded by Martin.

Voting Yea: Martin, Pettit, Straus, Myers

V. Correspondence

Straus read aloud the letter from Neal Liddicoat. Motion to place on file.

Motion made by Martin, Seconded by Dufina.

Voting Yea: Martin, Pettit, Straus, Myers, Dufina

VI. New Business

- a. Proposed text amendments to Article 22, Section 22.01

Evashevski stated the change is for alternates to the ZBA. The alternates would serve the same term as the members. The ZBA is appointed annually so Evashevski is going to check on that. Evashevski believes that in the annual appointments the ZBA is included. Andrew Doud stated he doesn't understand this change. Evashevski clarified to Doud that due to the Zoning Enabling Act members

could not be appointed to Planning Commission and be elected to City Council and serve as a ZBA member. The concern in having 5 members, if one or two had to recuse themselves there would only be 3 members voting. Evashevski is trying to determine if Myers could be replaced with one of the alternates. Myers then stated maybe there should be 5 members, instead of 6, that would eliminate the possibility of a tie. France confirmed that the ZBA is not on the annual list of appointments. Straus stated he likes Myers' suggestion. Evashevski stated the possible language to add would be 5 members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. Evashevski needs to check on whether more than one council member could be appointed. Lindsey White believes the alternate language should eliminate the elected requirement. Myers stated in the last committee meeting it was agreed to eliminate the elected part for the alternates. All Commission members agreed with Myers' suggested language. Pettit asked for clarification on the language, which Evashevski read aloud. Pettit suggested putting the alternate decision in writing. In this divisive world having a set way to determine the alternate would be preferred.

VII. Public Comment

Brad Conkey brought up the instance of a tie. Straus stated this was discussed and the 5 member board was decided

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Straus adjourned the Public Hearing at 1:02 PM.

Michael Straus, Chairman

Katie Pereny, Secretary