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ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Employer & Work Address <i>Retired - Michigan Tech University</i>	

Advisory Boards & Commissions

Please indicate all that apply.

- ☒ Planning Commission
 ☐ Economic Development Authority
☐ Other (specify): _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Briefly describe your employment experience.

See attached

Please list any education or training you believe is relevant to the position(s) for which you are applying.

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Briefly describe any volunteer experience.

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Please list any professional, trade, business or civic activities, and offices held.

See attached

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the board(s) you are interested in serving?

See attached

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS

A conflict of interest may exist when a board or commission member is required to take an action or make a recommendation that would affect the member's financial interest or that of an associated business or relative. Conflicts of interest may also result from impacts of a proposed project. If you are appointed and become aware, or are currently aware, of such conflicts you should promptly disclose them to the City Administrator.

Do you acknowledge the potential for conflicts and notification requirement in the event of a conflict?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Applicant Signature: _____

David Johnson

Date: 4-4-25

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY NOTICE

The City of Maple Plain does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to or access, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs and activities. Upon request, accommodations will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Maple Plain services, programs and activities.

The City of Maple Plain does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status or status with regard to public assistance in employment, appointment or provision of its services.

DATA PRACTICES ADVISORY

Your name, address, current employment position, previous work history, education and training are public data under the Minnesota Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. Sect. 13.43, subd. 2 & 3) and must be provided to anyone who requests it. Other information is considered private; however, all information in this application will be provided to the City Council in a public forum which is open for public review. It will therefore be part of the public record. Although you are not legally required to provide any of the information requested in this application, the information is needed to determine your suitability for appointment to a board or commission, and failure to provide it may result in you not being considered for a position.

Return application to: Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, P.O. Box 97, Maple Plain, MN 55359.
Fax to 763-479-0519

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Application for Maple Plain Planning Commission

Employment Experience

Michigan Technological University (28 years)

Director of Media Technology Solutions (15 years):

- Leadership & Team Management: Guided staff and student teams in collaborative projects.
- Strategic Planning: Aligned technology systems with campus-wide goals, similar to community development planning.
- Collaboration: Partnered with academic departments, mirroring public engagement needs for planning commissions.
- Policy Implementation: Ensured compliance with standards, directly applicable to zoning/code enforcement.

Professional Experience Directly Relating to Planning

- Facility Design: Worked with architects/engineers to integrate systems into buildings, ensuring usability and accessibility.
- Project Execution: Delivered infrastructure upgrades and classroom modernizations on time and within budget.
- Master Planning: Collaborated on campus-wide plans aligning technology with physical infrastructure goals.
- Stakeholder Coordination: Balanced technical needs with practical solutions for administrators and contractors.

Volunteer & Civic Leadership

Stanton Township, MI (12 years as Deputy Clerk, Trustee, Supervisor):

- Responsibilities: Managed parks, roads, elections, and public facilities while overseeing budgets and grants.
- Collaboration: Worked with officials and community groups to solve local challenges.
- Planning Impact: Ensured township growth balanced resident needs with resource management.

What I Hope to Accomplish

I aim to preserve Maple Plain's small-town charm while supporting thoughtful growth by:

1. Keeping the Character: Ensuring new developments fit the town's historic feel.
2. Balancing Growth: Prioritizing housing and businesses that benefit all residents.
3. Improving Infrastructure: Upgrading roads, sidewalks, and utilities to support the community.
4. Listening to Residents: Keeping public input central to planning decisions.
5. Protecting Natural Areas: Safeguarding green spaces like Pioneer Creek.

My experience in campus planning and township governance has taught me how to work collaboratively and make decisions that serve communities. I'd be honored to bring that approach to Maple Plain.