

YATES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING FOR MASTER PLAN INFORMATION SESSION

FINAL MINUTES June 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m. ET

1) Call to Order

Chairperson Grier called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2) Roll Call

Present: Secretary Blair Evans, YTB Rep. & Ex-officio Shawn Coffey, Chair Chris Grier, Commissioner Amy Ellis, and Commissioner Kurt Johnson

Absent: Commissioner Julia Carr, and Commissioner Lester Walker

3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4) Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kurt Johnson to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Amy Ellis.

Roll Call: Ex-officio Shawn Coffey -Yes, Commissioner Amy Ellis – Yes, Secretary Blair Evans – Yes, Chair Chris Grier – Yes, Commissioner Kurt Johnson – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Information from the public for items on the agenda

No comments offered.

6) Business

Information session:

- a. Continue the amendments to the Township Master Plan.

Chair Grier introduced Michell Lewis-Watts of Woods & Watts as the facilitator of the session.

- b. Receive public input.

Michell Lewis-Watts framed the session.

Secretary Evans addressed the topic “Why a Master Plan?”, an overview of the ongoing process and where background information is available on the website.

Michell Lewis-Watts then led discussion.

Summary of demographics and ideas from zoom and in-person is attached to the minutes.

Idlewild Lake Association presented a proposal for a boat wash station to manage invasive species at the boat launch.

Lydia Hicks presented a proposal from Carmen Grier for an ordinance regulation dogs on William Island.

Amy Ellis suggested prioritizing development and use of the Flamingo Club.

7) Public Comment: according to the Planning Commission bylaws

Clerk McGregory thanked all for the participation, expressed appreciation for the diverse participation and appreciation for the process that hasn't existed for a long time.

Trustee Shawn Coffey also expressed thanks for the participation and the process.

Mark Thomas expressed the need for the Township to collaborate with Barns who the owner of the property at the entrance at US-10 and Broadway.

8) Adjournment

Motion by Chair Grier to adjourn, second by Ex-officio Shawn Coffey.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blair Evans". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Secretary Blair Evans

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Attendee Demographics

14 people completed the demographics survey.

Gender

- Men - 6
- Women - 7
- Non-Binary - 1

Race

- Black - 9
- White- 3
- Other - 2

Age

- 75 and over - 3
- 55 - 74 - 7
- 35 - 54 - 4

Children in the Home - 3 with children 15 - 18 yo

Relationship to YT

- F/T Resident - 8
- Seasonal Resident - 4
- Property Owner - 7
- P/T Resident - 1
- Business Owner - 1 (self identified)
- Community Volunteer - 1 (self identified)

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Summary of Input

Utilize significant township-owned properties to serve the community and visitors as historic, social and economic destinations. Among these, the Flamingo Club, the Yates Township Library building, and Township Hall were highlighted by participants.

Create and support community gathering and activity spaces for the collective benefit of residents.

Need food options: perhaps designated food truck areas somewhere with strict requirements, limitations & guidelines that would fit into the twsp while providing a service. Strict requirements, limitations & guidelines would need to be in place to regulate this.

Address ghost roads and antiquated public easements.

Build a citizen/resident-based workforce and support entrepreneurship infrastructure with a focus on skill development, capacity building and locally-owned businesses.

Prepare for population shifts based on births, deaths, migrations and evolving human patterns such as education and career changes, response to climate change and industry innovations (e.g. electrical cars). Preparation would include traffic and road management, emergency services and response plans for anticipated community growth, for residents and visitors.

Establish a natural resource management to protect the health of waters, native plant and animal species, forests, and other ecosystems and to create and attract environmentally conscious residents/visitors.

Create a data collection plan to properly inform decisions for historic preservation, biological conservation, land acquisition, and industry/commercial needs.

Build a sense of community among the diverse population of the Township through targeted efforts.

Our number one focus should be making our resources available to and preserving them for our Yates community members first and foremost.

Finally, who's voice needs to be included in master planning?

- small business owners
- potential entrepreneurs
- realtors
- youth and young adults