



Conway Township Planning Commission

Monday, February 10, 2025 | 7:00pm

Conway Township Hall | 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836

1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
4. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING February 10, 2025 AGENDA**
5. **APPROVAL OF THE January 13, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - b. Livingston County Planning Commission Update/Report
 - c. Update from the last board meeting
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Elm Street – Any updates?
 - b. Citizen Planner Training March 6, 13, 20 and April 3, 10, 17 (6-9 PM)
 - c. Locke Township – Public hearing and public commentary on their Draft Master Plan – available on their website www.locketownship.com (Feb 19, 2025)
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Vacant PC board member position
 - b. Election of Vice Chair Planning Commission Officer
 - c. Maple Grove Airport Camping
 - d. Master Plan – What's next
9. **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER DISCUSSION**
10. **2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Any person may speak for up to 3 minutes during the public comment period.

Next Meeting will be Monday, March 10, 2025



Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
 Monday, January 13th, 2024 | 7:00pm EST
 Conway Township Hall | 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
Attendees	PC Members Present: Lucas Curd- Chair, George Pushies, Mike Stock, Shawn Morrison, Steve Weiss, Kayla Poissant- Secretary Zoning Administrator – Russ Cesarz Livingston County Planning Commissioner: Dennis Bowdoin	None
Call to Order/Pledge	Chair, L. Curd called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	None
Approval of Agenda	Motion to accept the meeting agenda for January 13th, 2024. Motion by S. Morrison. Support L. Curd. Motion Approved.	Motion Approved
Approval of December 2024 Minutes	Motion to approve meeting minutes from December 2024. Motion by L. Curd. Support by S. Morrison. Motion Approved.	Motion Approved
Approval of the 2024 PC Annual Report	Motion to approve the 2024 PC Annual Report. Motion by L. Curd. Support by G. Pushies. Motion Approved.	Motion Approved
Call to the Public	None at this time.	None
Communications	a. Zoning Administrator Report: R. Cesarz stated that there was one land division application. The light at Kreeger’s Market was discussed in depth with the PC Members as there is a requirement if the light is considered a traffic signal. R. Cesarz stated that A. Cooper is reaching out to the Road Commission to see what they originally wanted to do based on the documents about the first store. Discussion continued. It was discussed that Kim Hillier stated that the truck turn around is not needed at this time or the closure of the Chase Lake Rd. entrance. b. Board Ex-Officio Report: G. Pushies stated that the minutes were sent in the email. c. Livingston County Planning Commission Report:	None None None

	<p>D. Bowdoin stated that there were six Township amendments for Oceola, one amendment and one rezoning for Genoa at the last meeting. The January meeting will include reviewing another rezoning for Genoa along with ordinance amendment and map update, and three ordinance amendments from Marion.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kreeger Site Plan Review L. Curd stated that the documents were ready to go, but that some of the older documents from the first store were found. The wording is being updated, and A. Cooper is typing things up. It was discussed that L. Curd, owner, and R. Cesarz to sign off on the updated documents that the stipulations were completed. M. Brown, supervisor, stated that the Township would be signing off on the legal documents, but that the others would sign off on the stipulations per the attorney. b. Elm Street – Special Use Permit- L. Curd stated that A. Cooper sent an email regarding the Special Use Permit, and that the PC can not use a Special Use Permit for the business. The original motion was discussed and the conditions currently were discussed. A. Cooper stated that it could be conditional rezoning or rezoned in general based on what the applicant applied for. R. Cesarz will be sending a notice letter to the business owner to the status of the situation. It was discussed that the owner will have to follow the policies, procedures, and regulations of the Township. 	<p>None</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Vacant PC board member position L. Curd stated that there is one open position on the PC Board, and that the Township Board is recommending someone to the position. b. Mike Stock – reappointed to PC Board- Discussed. c. Steve Weiss appointed to the PC Board – Welcome- Discussed. d. Election of Planning Commission Officer- 	

	<p>Motion to elect Lucas Curd as Chair. Motioned by G. Pushies. Supported by S. Morrison. Motion Approved.</p> <p>V. Chair- Discussed and agreed to wait until next month until final member joins to appoint.</p> <p>Motion to elect Kayla Poissant as Secretary. Motioned by L. Curd. Supported by G. Pushies. Motion Approved.</p> <p>e. Cadence of Meetings- Cadence of the meeting was discussed. The meetings will continue to be on the 2nd Monday of the months at 7pm.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Cadence of the PC Meetings as presented. Motion by K. Poissant. Supported by G. Pushies. Motion Approved.</p> <p>f. Citizen Planner Training- Discussed. It is going to be held on Thursdays in March and April. There are six meetings in total. The Township Board stated that the training would cover 3 years of the required Township training. It will be held in Howell at the EMS Building of the airport. Those who attend will be getting the hourly training rate of \$20/hour. Three current members stated that they will go.</p> <p>g. g. Locke Township – Public hearing and public commentary on their Draft Master Plan – available on their website www.locketownship.com (Feb 19, 2025)</p> <p>The upcoming meeting was discussed, and that if PC members could attend it is recommended. M. Stock brought up some points of interest about the Master Plan.</p>	<p>Motion Approved</p> <p>Motion Approved</p> <p>Motion Approved</p>
Commission Discussion	It was discussed that McKenna has a signed contract. It was requested that they be in attendance next meeting to discuss the plan forward.	None
Last Call to the Public	R. Cesarz brought up that the regulations could be voted on and changed to allow Special Use Permits in AG zoned areas. It was discussed that this should be discussed with the Township Attorney. L. Curd stated that he would send A. Cooper an email about this.	None

Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Motion by G. Pushies. Support by M. Stock. Motion Approved.	Motion Approved
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Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Kayla Poissant,
PC Secretary

Lucas Curd,
PC Chair

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Livingston County 2025 Citizen Planner Program

A Land Use Training and Certificate Course for
Community Land Use Decision-Makers

**Livingston County
Citizen Planner
Begins Thursday
March 6, 2025
6:00—9:00 PM**

Classes held in person at:

**Livingston County Public Safety
Complex
1911 Tooley Rd, Howell, MI**

**Dates: March 6, 13, 20, April 3,
10 and 17.**

Citizen Planner is a time-tested educational program proven to be comprehensive without being overwhelming. The program is delivered "locally" to provide a convenient way for busy community leaders to obtain the latest technical knowledge and the proficiency they need to perform their duties more effectively and responsibly.



Citizen Planner Classroom Sessions

Citizen Planner instructors include MSU Faculty, MSU Extension educators, planners and attorneys. The core classroom program consists of six sessions:

- **Understanding the Planning and Zoning Context** – Learn the legal sources and limitations of planning and zoning authority, and explore your understanding of ethical decision-making.
- **Planning for the Future of Your Community** – Recognize the function and importance of a master plan, know the process for developing one and its relationship to zoning.
- **Implementing the Plan with Zoning** – Discover the importance of zoning, learn how zoning is administered and gain confidence in your zoning reviews, including site plans.
- **Making Zoning Decisions** – Learn how to adopt and amend a zoning ordinance, understand the role of the zoning board of appeals and obtain skills in basic property development methods.
- **Using Innovative Planning and Zoning** – Strategize with placemaking and design-based solutions for local and regional success in the New Economy.
- **Successfully Fulfilling Your Role** – Strengthen your ethical decision-making skills, apply standards to your decision-making and know when to ask for help.



**The Livingston County Citizen
Planner Program is a partnership
with Livingston County**

Contact

**Kara Kelly: cplanner@msu.edu
Visit <http://citizenplanner.msu.edu>.**

Livingston County Citizen Planner

Classes: Thursdays, March 6 - April 17

Understanding the Planning and Zoning Context

Thursday, March 6, 2025
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Planning for the Future or Your Community

Thursday, March 13, 2025
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Implementing the Plan with Zoning

Thursday, March 20, 2025
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Making Zoning Decisions

Thursday, April 3, 2025
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Using Innovative Planning and Zoning

Thursday, April 10, 2025
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Successfully Fulfilling Your Role

Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Course Location

Livingston County Public Safety
Complex
1911 Tooley Rd, Howell, MI

Local Contact

Harmony Gmazel: gmazelh@msu.edu

Course Fee

The course fee is \$250 per participant for the complete core program. The fee covers registration and course materials. A group (4 or more) discount is available. Participants that complete all six sessions will receive a certificate of completion.

How to Register

Online registration is available at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CPLivingston25/>. Payment can be made by credit card, check; an invoice is created with registration. Group registration is also available online. A \$45 cancellation fee is assessed if registration is canceled after **February 28, 2025, the registration deadline.**

Grants/Scholarships

A grant program, Risk Reduction Grant Program (RRGP), may be available from your community's liability insurance provider. Michigan Township Participating Plan offers to its municipal members one per community, which covers the complete registration cost reimbursement for completion of the Citizen Planner Program. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.theparplan.com. For member governments of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA), contact **Cara Ceci** at 800-243-1324 for more information regarding grants for education and training through the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP). For municipalities obtaining insurance through Nickel & Saph, Inc. Insurance Agency contact **Stephen R. Saph, Jr.** at 586-463-4573 or stephenjr@nickelsaph.com. Contact your local community liability risk insurance carrier to see if similar grants or similar grants or scholarships are available.

Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities may request accommodations by emailing Kara Kelly (cplanner@msu.edu) two weeks prior to the event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests made less than two weeks prior to the event will be met if possible.



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December 16, 2024

Conway Township Planning Commission
8015 North Fowlerville Road
P.O. Box 1157
Fowlerville, MI 48836

RE: Notice of Public Review and Comment Period and Public Hearing

To Whom It May Concern:

Please take notice that the Locke Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Township Hall, 3805 Bell Oak Road, Williamston, MI 48895, to hear public comment about its draft Master Plan. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of this public hearing and public commentary period and to invite your cooperation, comments, and participation in our process pursuant to Section 39 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Act 33 of 2008), as amended.

Copies of the Draft Master Plan are available for review and download on the Township's website at www.locketownship.com. For more information, please get in touch with Julie Moore, Township Zoning Administrator, at locketwpzoning@tds.net or by telephone at +1 (517) 468-3405.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jordan Smith, Chair
Locke Township Planning Commission

Maple Grove Airport Camping:

Intro: We would like to have camping at the Maple Grove Airport. Since taking over the airport in 2001, we have continued to work on ways to make the airport self-sustainable. With no funding from the government to support operations, smaller GA airports rely, at least in part, on aviation tourism to sustain their ability to provide adequate airport services. This includes flight training, gliders, skydiving, etc.

For these types of activities, many people interested in aviation tourism would be more likely to come and participate if they could camp or bring their RV to stay the week or the weekend for their classes. Additionally, instructors that would want to come and provide instruction would also be more likely to come from farther away if they could camp.

Many smaller airports around the country offer camping. I've listed some of them below.

- Munising, Hanley Field (5Y7)
- Manistique, Schoolcraft County (ISQ)
- Empire, William Bolton (Y87)
- Harrison, Clare County (80D)
- Indian River, Campbell Pratt (Y65)

Empire Airport has a full campsite right alongside the Runway and people come to camp and sit outside and watch the planes and parachutes, enjoying aviation tourism in a different way. Another notable airport that allows camping is North Fox Island, which is owned by the state of Michigan where people fly there just to camp.

Services: We have bathroom services on the property open to the public. The campers would be able to use those services. For the RV's, we would require self-contained RVs or pump outs for septic and water. In the future we could offer more services within the rules and requirements from the state of Michigan.

Maple Grove Airport Season: Camping would only be allowed during the aviation tourism season, May 1st through October 31st. No camping or RV spots would be allowed in the off-season.

Locations for Camping: We have identified three spots for camping that will be further discussed in site plan review at a later state. These are areas where people have camped in the past to my knowledge of the history of the airport.

In Conclusion: We would greatly appreciate the ability to make the Maple Grove Airport more inviting to aviation tourists who are learning or teaching their skills by providing the opportunity for them to camp or place their RV.

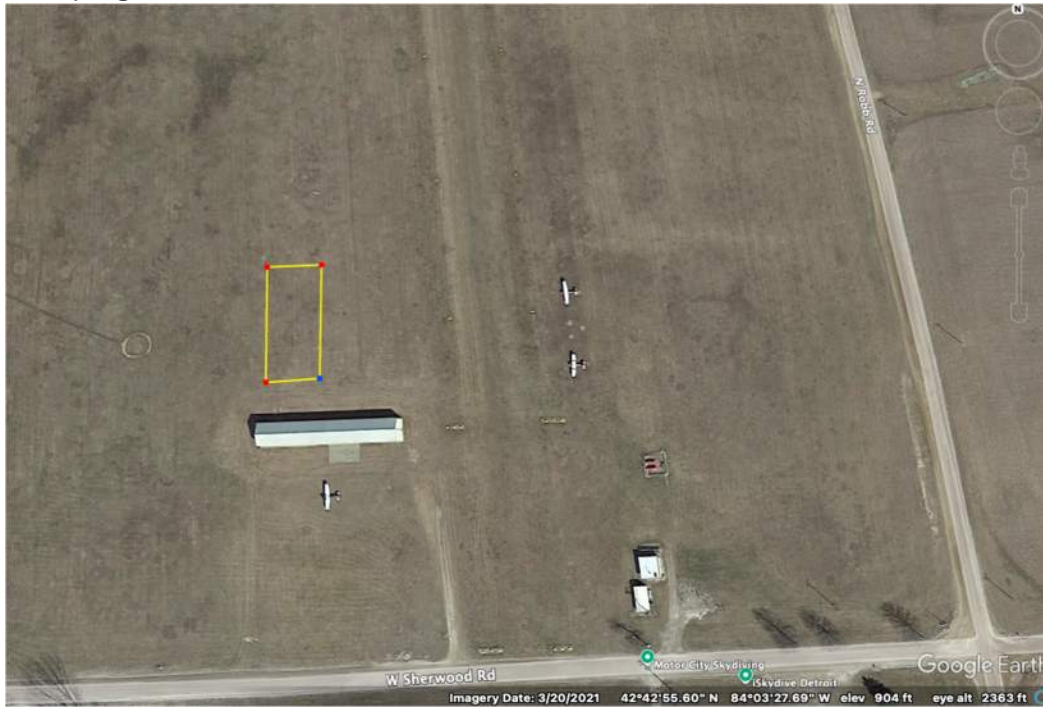
Camping Location 1:



Camping Location 2:



Camping Location 3:



Thank you for the consideration of this request. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments. We greatly appreciate being a part of the community here in Conway Township.

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