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Margaret Sayles

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Jan Motz

Secretary

Kim Wieber

Members

Dawn Levey

Brian Byars

Rebecca Batterbee

Zach Rudat (BOC Ex Officio)



Director of Planning & Zoning

(Interim) Lynn Wilson

Assistant Planner

Jessica Burnett

Planning & Zoning Secretary

Danelle Rose

**Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2026
Clinton County
Planning Commission**

CALL TO ORDER The Clinton County Planning Commission met on Thursday, March 12th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Planning Commission Chairperson Margaret Sayles calling the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL Kim Wieber - Present
Margaret Sayles – Present
Jan Motz - Present
Dawn Levey - Present
Zach Rudat - Present
Rebecca Batterbee - Present
Brian Byars – Arrived at approximately 6:30pm

STAFF PRESENT Lynn Wilson, Interim Planning and Zoning Director
Jessica Burnett, Assistant Planner
Danelle Rose, Planning and Zoning Secretary
John Fuentes, County Administrator/Controller
Todd Campbell, Deputy County Administrator
Laura Genovich, County Legal Counsel

VISITORS Donna Graham, Greenbush Township
Brian Hurtekant, Lansing, MI
Theresa Owen, Greenbush Township

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Val Vail Shirey, Victor Township

APPROVAL OF
PLANNING
COMMISSION
AGENDA

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: The agenda was presented for approval. Dawn Levey moved, supported by Jan Motz, to approve the agenda as amended to add B under new business after election of officers, item B would become “update on the results of the Board of Commissioners meeting” as it effects the Planning Commission and to delete E from new business, discussion of Planning Commission Vacancies. Motion carried unanimously. [Vote of 6-0, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent.]

APPROVAL OF
PLANNING
COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: January 8th, 2026, Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Dawn Levey moved, supported by Zach Rudat, to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. [Vote of 6-0, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent.]

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Alma Master Plan Discussion Public Notice
- B. Maple Rapids 5-Year Park & Recreation Plan, 2026-2031
- C. St. Louis Master Plan Discussion Public Notice
- D. Chant-Bailey PA 116
- E. Watertown Township Memorandum Proposed Zoning Amendment
- F. Final City of Ovid Master Plan
- G. Gratiot County Master Plan Discussion Public Hearing
- H. City of St. Johns Parks & Recreation 5-Year Master Plan, 2026-2030
- I. Village of Westphalia 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, 2026-2030
- J. Duplicate of H.
- K. Village of Fowler Recreation Plan, 2026-2030
- L. Eagle Township Interim Zoning Ordinance
- M. Victor Township Kennel Discussion & Resolution
- N. Gratiot County Master Plan
- O. Eagle Township adopted ordinance
- P. Voisinet PA116

PLANNING
COMMISSION
ACTION

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Zach Rudat moved to accept and place on file the Communications, supported by Jan Motz. Motion carried unanimously. [Vote of 6-0, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 Absent.]

PUBLIC COMMENT	NO PUBLIC COMMENT
OLD BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	Election of Officers
NOMINATION OF OFFICERS	The Planning Commission opened the floor to begin nominations.
PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION	<p>Dawn Levey moved, supported by Jan Motz, to nominate Margaret Sayles for Planning Commission Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. [Vote 6-0, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent]</p> <p>Dawn Levey – Yes Jan Motz – Yes Kim Wieber – Yes Zach Rudat – Yes Rebecca Batterbee – Yes Margaret Sayles – Yes Brian Byars - Absent</p>
PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION	<p>Dawn Levey moved, supported by Zach Rudat, to nominate Jan Motz for Planning Commission Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. [Vote 6-0, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent].</p> <p>Zach Rudat- Yes Kim Wieber – Yes Dawn Levey – Yes Margaret Sayles – Yes Rebecca Batterbee – Yes Jan Motz – Yes Brian Byars - Absent</p>
PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION	<p>Jan Motz moved, supported by Margaret Sayles, to nominate Kim Wieber for Planning Commission Secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. [Vote 6-0, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent].</p>

Dawn Levey – Yes
Zach Rudat – Yes
Jan Motz – Yes
Margaret Sayles – Yes
Rebecca Batterbee – Yes
Kim Wieber – Yes
Brian Byars - Absent

PLANNING
COMMISSION
ACTION
(DATA CENTER
MORATORIUM)

Motion made by Jan Motz, supported by Margaret Sayles, to initiate the process to hold a public hearing for a Zoning Ordinance amendment to place a moratorium on Data Centers. Motion carried unanimously by Roll Call vote (Vote 7-0, 0 against, 7 in favor).

Laura Genovich, Clinton County Legal Counsel said that Foster Swift would provide language for a Zoning Ordinance amendment placing a moratorium on Data Centers for review and comment at the April 9th Planning Commission Meeting.

Jan Motz – Yes
Dawn Levey – Yes
Kim Wieber – Yes
Zach Rudat – Yes
Margaret Sayles – Yes
Brian Byers – Yes
Rebecca Batterbee – Yes

PLANNING
COMMISSION
ACTION
(ORDINANCE
DISCUSSION)

Motion made by Jan Motz, supported by Dawn Levey to direct the County Administrator to issue a contract work order for OHM Advisors to develop text amendment language in reference to: adding storage facilities to A-2 permitted uses, kennel provisions, and changing enforcements to a ticket procedure; contract would be funded through a reserve that is written in the current OHM Advisors contract. Motion carried unanimously by Roll Call Vote (7-0, 0 against, 7 in favor).

Kim Wieber – Yes
Zach Rudat – Yes
Jan Motz – Yes
Dawn Levey – Yes
Margaret Sayles – Yes
Rebecca Batterbee – Yes

Brian Byers - Yes

PLANNING
COMMISSION
ACTION (5-YEAR
MASTER PLAN
REVIEW)

An informal decision was made to allow the members of the Planning Commission to familiarize themselves with the current Master Plan and the updating process and to continue the discussion at the April 9th Planning Commission Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

PLANNING AND
ZONING STAFF
REPORT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Margaret Sayles called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jan Motz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m., supported by Zach Rudat. Motion carried unanimously. [Vote of 7-0, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.]

Danelle Rose

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Planning and Zoning Secretary

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting.