

**Edwards Township Planning Commission**

**3601 Wickes Road, West Branch, MI 48661**

**PLANNING MEETING-Monday, July 7, 2025**

**Members Present: Rick Stillwagon, Larry Kartes, Ray Miller, Carl McCauley, Kim Glasser, Rob Kowalski, George Bodin, Bob Clayton. Absent: Mike Poe**

**Public Present: None**

**Call to Order: 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes: Motion: All in favor. Rick (1<sup>st</sup>) & George (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Approval of Agenda: Motion: All in favor. Rick (1<sup>st</sup>) & Kim (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None**

- Rob spoke about the Verizon cell tower compliance, and the vegetation will be added to advert having to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance.
- Larry wanted to discuss natural gas in rural areas, and he is calling DTE for more information.
- We discussed the traffic in downtown West Branch and whether pressure on the city council would help. The Michigan DOT was in charge of the traffic/road changes.
- Spoke about blight and how the process works. We don't go looking for issues; however will act once there is a formal complaint from a resident.
- Discussed pole barn/small shed ordinance again. We are researching and deciding if there needs to be a change to the ordinance. Example...what size land would we want to change 1 acre, 5, 10, 20?

**Motion to Adjourn: 8:34 pm**

- Motion: Rick (1<sup>st</sup>) & Carl (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Next Meeting: October 6, 2025 @ 7pm**