



VAN BUREN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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April 24, 2024 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call to Order & Attendance**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2024**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Reports**
 - a. County Board of Commission (BOC)
 - b. Land Preservation Board (LPB) – next meeting is May 8, 2024
 - c. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC)
 - d. Local Visits Report
 - e. Staff Report
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. MSUE Citizen Planner Course Update
 - b. Membership Recruitment
 - c. Coordination of Local Visits
- 7. New Business**
 - a. 2023 Annual Report
 - b. Michigan Association of Planning Membership
- 8. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: May 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Planning Commission Membership – potential recruits...

The Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Public Act 33 of 2008) provides guidance on the composition of Planning Commissions to ensure a diverse and qualified group of members. According to the Act, it is recommended (*but not required*) that the Planning Commission includes representatives from various professional fields. The goal is to have a commission with a broad range of expertise and perspectives to effectively oversee planning and development.

While the Act does not mandate specific professions that must be included, it does suggest considering individuals from important areas relevant to community planning. These fields might typically include:

- **Real Estate Development** - Knowledge of property markets and development processes.
- **Architecture or Urban Design** - Expertise in design principles and urban aesthetics.
- **Landscaping or Environmental Management** - Insights on sustainable practices and environmental conservation.
- **Civil Engineering or Transportation** - Understanding infrastructure needs and development.
- **Public Administration** - Experience in government operations and policymaking.
- **Economics or Business** - Insights on economic impacts and investment.

The selection of members often aims to reflect a cross-section of the community, including various geographic areas within the municipality. Additionally, the Act encourages the inclusion of members who represent different interests within the community, which can lead to more comprehensive and inclusive planning outcomes.