

**Charter Township of Elmwood  
Planning Commission Workshop Meeting  
August 15, 2024 at 3:45 PM**

**A. Call to Order:** Chairman Bechtold called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM.

**B. Roll Call: Present:** Rick Bechtold, Jonah Kuzma, Doug Roberts, Kendra Luta, Chris Mikowski, Jeff Aprill (arrived late). Excused: Nate McDonald.

**C. Agenda Modifications/Approval:** *MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KUZMA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**D. Declaration of Conflict of Interest.** None.

**E. Purpose of Meeting – Community Open House for the Master Plan.**

*The Open House is being posted as a public meeting as a quorum of Planning Commissioners will be present.*

The Charter Township of Elmwood’s Planning Commission is working on its Master Plan, also known as a Comprehensive Plan. A Master Plan is a comprehensive long-term planning document that serves as a strategic framework to guide decision-making related to land use, infrastructure, transportation, zoning, economic development, and other aspects of urban or regional development. Key features of a Master Plan often include land-use maps, policies, and recommendations to help manage growth, promote sustainability, and ensure efficient resource allocation.

As part of this process, through the Planning Commission’s consultants at Beckett & Raeder, a Community Open House will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 4pm-6pm.

Attendees can come and go at any time as the Open House will be focused on conversations and there will be no formal presentations. The purpose of this open house is to gather public input on current and future Township planning efforts.

Sara Kopriva of Beckett & Raeder provided a brief overview of the prepared posters and the different ‘stations.’ The Commission dispersed and then proceeded to interact with many members of the public who came in to provide input.

**F. Public Comment.** None.

**G. Adjourn:** *MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LUTA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KUZMA TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:03 PM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (MIKOWSKI AND APRILL EXCUSED PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT).*