Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 12th, 2026 | 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- Vice Chair, Kayla Poissant- Secretary, Kelly Ralko. Zoning Administrator: Russ Cesarz **(ABSENT)** Livingston County Planning Commissioner: Dennis Bowdoin **(ABSENT)** Township Planner- Liz Hart- McKenna Township Attorney- Michael Homier, Keith Brown **(BOTH ABSENT)**	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 as presented for January 12th, 2026. Motion by S. Weiss. Support K. Ralko. Motion Approved.**	**Motion Approved**
Approval of December 8th, 2025 Minutes	**Motion to accept meeting minutes from December 8th, 2025. Motion by S. Morrison. Support by S. Weiss. Motion Approved.**	**Motion Approved**
Approval of Annual PC Report 2025	**Motion to approve the PC Annual Report 2025. Motion by S. Weiss. Support by K. Ralko. Motion Approved.**	**Motion Approved**
Call to the Public	None at this time.	None
Communications	a. Zoning Administrator Report: R. Cesarz was absent. b. Board Ex-Officio Report: G. Pushies stated the minutes were sent out, that there was a Special Meeting on Jan 7th, they approved a 50/50 agreement with Cohoctah regarding the MPSC, and approved the motion regarding the filing for the MPSC.	None None

	c. Livingston County Planning Commission Report: D. Bowdoin was absent.	None
Old Business	**a. Vote to work on Data Center and Bitcoin Mining Center Regulatory Ordinance –** **Send to Township Board for approval-** L. Curd stated that he was informed that the PC was not getting their ordinances approved correctly, and that the PC needed to vote to the send ordinances that they wish to work on to the Township Board for their approval to work on them regarding funding. M. Stock stated that the ordinance/policy would have to be changed as Article 4 contradicts getting Township Board approval to work on ordinances. K. Poissant stated that the procedure has always been that the PC works on and drafts an ordinance, it is sent to the LCPC for review, then it is sent to the Township Board for the final decision. She asked about hypothetical new ordinances where there were no drafts or information, just a topic, how the Township Board would even have enough information to make a decision on whether it should be approved or not. G. Pushies replied that when the PC drafts the ordinance, and that his point was that the law firm provided the ordinance to the PC, that the PC itself didn't draft it. He stated that there were legal funds expended that the Township was liable to pay, that the PC could take on drafting the ordinance which would be fine, but that when there are payments being made to the law firm for billable hours to work on an ordinance not approved by the Township Board, it was a different issue. K. Poissant was asked then how would the Township Board get the full information for what the PC wants to work on. G. Pushies asked if K. Poissant was willing to spend money without Board approval, to which she replied yes, within reason, and that the two boards are supposed to be separate. G. Pushies stated that the boards are separate, and that there is a budget. M. Stock stated that there was a PC budget that includes legal services, and that the PC never had to do this before. He stated that the job of the PC was to recommend zoning ordinances, amendments, and Master Plan changes to the Township Board. L. Curd stated that he believes that the PC shouldn't be able to have an unlimited budget or push through a lot of ordinances spending thousands of dollars for people to review it. He stated that this would be pushing	

	ordinances out a month, and then once approved the PC would then work on it. M. Stock posed the question of whether the ordinances should go to the attorney or planner first for review. G. Pushies asked whether the PC should make a decision first, then send it to the Township Board. M. Stock reiterated that the ordinance/policy would then need to be rewritten. G. Pushies stated that the ordinance just showed up on the PC agenda, that there were no previous discussions in PC meetings. S. Weiss stated that the ordinance was drafted for Cohoctah Township, and that they forwarded it over to the PC. G. Pushies stated that it was ok, but that the Township was still liable to pay for it. M. Stock stated that he made a motion in a previous PC meeting to put it on the PC's to-do list for text amendment, and that he doesn't know about the actual draft. K. Poissant asked L. Hart her thoughts on the discussion, and she stated that generally PC's do not asked permission of Township Boards to work on ordinances, but that this is a budget issue. K. Poissant made a suggestion of getting the budget details, and then work within that budget. M. Stock proposed finalizing the Master Plan, have a collective meeting with the Township Board, and make an action plan for the calendar year. K. Poissant agreed, and also stated that there should be flexibility if something came up in front of the PC. M. Stock stated that the PC needs to finish the Master Plan, and sit down with L. Hart to review the action items to make a plan to work on them. L. Curd brought the discussion back to the PC recommending to the Township Board to get approval regarding funds to work on the ordinances. G. Pushies stated that he believed the intention was that the PC would recommend to the Township Board, and then the Township Board would make a decision on whether the funding was available. G. Pushies stated that the Master Plan bill was getting sizable, and that he would like to make sure there was money to work on it. K. Poissant stated that she hasn't had to do that within her time on the PC, and that there is conflicting data and information on what the process should be/is. She mentioned about scheduling a meeting with the Township Board to work out these concerns to know how to proceed through the 2026 year. M. Stock asked G. Pushies whether he knew if the Township budget zoning amendments were covered in the attorney section, line item of the budget, or where it would be located. G. Pushies stated that it would depend on who drafts the ordinance. M Stock asked L. Hart about when	

	other Townships ask for a text amendment draft, if McKenna drafted the ordinances and then it would be reviewed by the attorney? L. Hart replied yes, and it was discussed that it was more cost effective. It was clarified that the Essential Services ordinance was sent to the PC for consideration, and that the Data Center/Bitcoin was sent to the PC before it was even requested. It was also stated that the PC then discussed it at a previous meeting, and then it was requested that the law firm work on it. **Motion to recommend approval to the Township Board for the PC to work on the Data Center and Bitcoin Mining Center regulatory ordinance along with the Essential Services Ordinance. Motion by L. Curd. Support by K. Poissant. Roll Call vote.** **G. Pushies- No** **M. Stock- No** **K. Ralko- No** **L. Curd- Yes** **K. Poissant- Yes** **S. Morrison- No** **S. Weiss- No** **Motion not approved.** S. Weiss stated that it is not a part of the PC's job to send it to the Township Board for approval to work on the ordinances, and that the PC can not keep kicking the ordinances down the road. Multiple PC members were concerned with the Data Centers. **Motion to have McKenna draft/review the Data Center and Bitcoin Mining Center ordinance, and the Essential Services ordinances. Motion by S. Weiss. Support by K. Ralko. Roll call vote.** **S. Weiss- Yes** **S. Morrison- Yes** **K. Poissant- Yes** **L. Curd- No** **K. Ralko- Yes** **M. Stock- Yes** **G. Pushies- No** **Motion Approved.**	**Motion NOT Approved** **Motion Approved**

	b. Vote to work on Essential Services Ordinance – Send to Township Board for **approval.** See above. **c. Master Plan – Final Version-** L. Hart stated that she researched about the open spaces, and how to work on that within future ordinances and planning, and that she recommended it be by density. She stated she would let the new planner knows this for future planning. The PC then reviewed the final draft of the Master Plan. M. Stock stated that the existing land-use map didn't show industrial, to which L. Hart stated that she would update that. G. Pushies asked why the data was broken up, and L. Hart replied that that was how SEMCOG did it. G. Pushies stated that he feels it is confusing to understand, and other PC members agreed. There was discussion on AG vs vacant land, and it was agreed to take out the vacant land data, and switch it to AG. It was discussed and agreed upon to add definitions to unique, local, statewide importance areas. The soil maps were discussed and that it came from USGS 2025, and it was agreed to add the roads onto the soil maps. It was also discussed that the mobile park at Chase Lake/Robb Road was not on the maps, and needed to be added. **Motion to recommend approval of the Master Plan draft as amended to the Township Board for the 63-day distribution period. Motion by M. Stock. Support by K. Ralko. Motion Approved.** It was discussed how and whom would send it to the Township Board.	**Motion Approved**
New Business	**a. Lucas Curd & Kayla Poissant – reappointed to PC Board-** L. Curd stated that he and K. Poissant were reappointed to the PC Board for another three years. It was clarified that S. Morrison would stay in the position until it was filled.	

	b. Election of Planning Commission Officers- **Motion to appoint K. Poissant as PC Secretary. Motion by K. Ralko. Support by G. Pushies. Motion Approved.** **Motion to appoint L. Curd as PC Chair. Motion by G. Pushies. Support by S. Weiss. Motion Approved.** **Motion to appoint S. Weiss as PC Vice Chair. Motion by L. Curd. Support by K. Ralko. Motion Approved.**	 **Motion Approved** **Motion Approved** **Motion Approved**
Commission Discussion	K. Poissant asked whether the PC wanted to request clarification on the information presented regarding the PC getting approval from the Township Board to work on ordinances/funds as there was conflicting information discussion. She stated that she just wants to make sure things are being done correctly. M. Stock stated that he believed the PC should review the MTA website and articles to see what new things are popping up, and maybe this topic would be included on the site.	None
Last Call to the Public	The second call to the public resulted in no comment.	None
Adjournment	**Motion to adjourn at 7:53pm. Motion by G. Pushies. Support by S. Morrison. Motion Approved.**	**Motion Approved**

Respectfully Submitted:

Kayla Poissant

Kayla Poissant,
PC Secretary

Approved:

Lucas Curd,
PC Chair