

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

AGENDA

DRAFT 2045 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN AND MASTER STREETS PLAN

A special meeting of the Oshtemo Charter Township Planning Commission was held Thursday, September 23, 2025, commencing at 7:12 p.m. at the Oshtemo Township Hall, 7275 West Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Chapman, Township Board Liaison
Philip Doorlag, Chair
Deb Everett, Vice Chair
Scot Jefferies
Scott Makohn
Alistair Smith
Jeremiah Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also present were Jodi Stefforia, Planning Director; James Porter, Township Attorney; Colten Hutson, Zoning Administrator, Leeanna Harris, Zoning Administrator; members of various Township boards and committees and staff; and approximately 10 other interested persons.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doorlag called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Doorlag inquired if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

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Stefforia stated that the special meeting was scheduled immediately following the Joint Board and Commissions meeting so that the Planning Commission could consider requesting that the Township Board authorize distribution of the draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan and draft Master Streets Plan to begin the 63-day public comment period.

Chapman stated that this is a large plan, and this setting is not the place for robust discussion.

A. Smith concurred expressing that he has only read 60 pages and would like more time and a discussion at a Planning Commission meeting before moving forward.

Chapman made a motion with support from A. Smith to not request Township Board permission to commence the public comment period on the draft 2045 Comprehensive Plan and draft Master Streets Plan.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

Jefferies noted that he is not sure we will know more in a week than we do presently having already had the documents for two weeks and given tonight's presentation.

Everett stated that she would like more time with the plans before asking the Board to commence the public review period.

Doorlag noted that our ability to begin implementing the plans is delayed if they are not moved forward. He asked if two more weeks would be enough time to review them given that we have had the plans for nearly two weeks already.

Stefforia shared that the November 13 Planning Commission meeting is set aside with the Planning Consultants to walk through specific questions about the plans.

Doorlag stated that he does not see anything significant changing with the draft plans. Already scheduled meetings of the Planning Commission can be used to discuss the plans during the 63 day comment period.

Stefforia said that the reason for asking to commence the public comment period tonight was so that the public hearing could be scheduled in December and position the Board to adopt the plans prior to the Strategic Planning session planned for the first quarter of 2026.

Doorlag asked for a vote on the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 5 to 2 with Doorlag and Jefferies voting in dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Doorlag opened the floor for public comment. Five individuals addressed the Planning Commission asking questions about the draft plans and an unrelated matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes Prepared: September 24, 2025

Minutes Approved: