Marengo Township Planning Commission Special Meeting June 17, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Greg Shippell, Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present: Greg Shippell, Debra Huffman, Jerry Bischoff, Jerry Buller, Pete Bailey, Todd Hazel. Absent: Justin Kazmar

Public comment: none

Motion by Shippell to approve agenda with the old business completed first and followed by new business. Seconded by Hazel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hazel to approve the June 3, 2026 minutes. Second by Bailey. Motion carried.

Communications: MTA seminar information presented.

Old business: Continue discussion on Public Hearing Amsterdam SLU Amendment. Resolution to amend SLU presented. Additional concerns raised regarding fire safety, emergency issues, and security staffing. Township attorney, Matt Kuschel will provide a new resolution with corrections as determined by the board.

Motion by Bischoff to accept the modified Resolution to Amend SLU Permit. Second, Hazel. Motion carried.

Shafer Redi Mix presented plan of their proposed operation to be located on Michigan Ave.

Master Plan discussion to eliminate the marijuana overlay district. The Master Plan update will include language and map corrections with explanation.

Commercial property around the Exit 115, at 22 ½ Mile Rd., discussed. These properties on the northeast corner of Exit 115 have been designated for commercial use and marijuana overlay district. The Master Plan and future land map will need changed. The Planning Board is continuing the update of the Master Plan.

New Business: Discussion of the Open Space and Waterbody Conservation Overlay District, Article 15, OC District, with focus on the Light Industrial (LI). Scott Hill has requested that the Board eliminate the 500ft. setback requirement on his property. The set back of 500ft. is in place to protect the Rice Creek from possible contamination and is reasonable considering the Light Industrial uses that are available on the property.

Commissioner comment: none

Public comment: Request from the public that the Township continues to pursue the odor issue from the marijuana grow facility. It is a serious health issue for residents as well as an odor issue.

Motion by Buller to adjourn. Second, Hazel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next regular meeting, September 2, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Debra Huffman, Secretary.