



**Call to Order:** Chairperson Baker called the April 25, 2023, Special Workshop Meeting of the Springfield Township Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

**Commissioners**

**in Attendance:** Dean Baker, Chair  
Jamie Costigan  
Ruth Ann Hines  
Dave Hopper  
Chris Moore

**Absent:** Kevin Sclesky  
George Mansour

**Consultants Present:**

Julia Upfal, Giffels Webster

**Staff Present:**

Laura Moreau, Supervisor  
Joan Rusch, Planning Administrator

**1. Township Master Plan – Housing and Seniors Discussion**

Chairperson Baker introduced this workshop as a continuing discussion of the Master Plan. This meeting is focused on providing opportunities for seniors to enjoy the amenities necessary for them to continue to reside in the Township with as much ease as possible in the future. This is one element that has not previously been addressed with action items in the Master Plan.

Ms. Upfal explained that during this meeting the Commissioners would be discussing housing and senior services. The Township wants to improve its senior services and invited seniors to attend this workshop to provide input and be part of the discussion. Ms. Upfal reviewed the Master Plan goals and objectives surrounding housing. She provided information on current market conditions. One housing strategy is visitability – a movement to construct homes that are more accessible. She explained tools available to encourage visitability in the Township.

The Commissioners discussed these tools which included zoning incentives and flexibility.

Ms. Upfal stated that another housing strategy could be Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

The Commissioners and meeting attendees discussed how ADUs could benefit the seniors in the Township and how these could be regulated.

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Sean R. Miller, Clerk

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Ms. Upfal redirected the focus of the meeting to Senior Services.

Several seniors in attendance commented on how they intend to age in place within the Township. They discussed the programs and services currently available to them and what they would like to see changed or added. Transportation and busing were also discussed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:**

**Chairperson Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.**

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**Joan Rusch, Recording Secretary**