

**CITY OF BRIDGMAN
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Thursday, April 21, 2016
9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan
7:00 P.M.**

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Parsons.

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Crocker, Fuller, Kading, Nitz, Parsons, Woerdehoff
ABSENT: Herrman
ALSO PRESENT: Ganum, Bridgman City Manager

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2016

A motion was made by Kading to approve the minutes, with corrections.
Woerdehoff provided a second.
The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting are approved, with corrections.

V HEARING OF CITIZENS

There were no citizens present.

VI NEW BUSINESS

1 Election of Officers – chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary

A motion was made by Crocker to elect Steve Parsons as Chairperson.
A second was provided by Woerdehoff.
The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kading to elect Rick Fuller Vice-chairperson.
A second was provided by Woerdehoff.
The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kading to elect Tom Woerdehoff Secretary.
A second was provided by Nitz.
The motion passed unanimously.

The Officers are:

Chairperson:	Steve Parsons
Vice-Chairperson:	Rick Fuller
Secretary:	Tom Woerdehoff

2 Appointment of recording secretary (Linda Gedeon-Kuhn)

Crocker made a motion to retain Linda Gedeon-Kuhn as recording secretary.
Woerdehoff provided a second.
The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Gedeon-Kuhn is retained as recording secretary.

VII UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VIII STAFF UPDATE

1 Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

a Red Arrow and Lake Street – reconfiguration

Discussion was held about reconfiguring Lake Street and Red Arrow Highway to facilitate bicycle traffic.

B Proposed mock up

Ganum handed out information that explained several types of reconfiguration that could be done to facilitate the bicycle traffic on Lake Street and on Red Arrow Highway.

Lanes for bicycle traffic could be accomplished by reducing two lanes of traffic to one lane of traffic on Red Arrow Highway (in each direction) and painting stripes in the far right lane for bicycle traffic.

Lake Street reconfiguration could be accomplished by painting bicycle lanes in the far right lane between the parking spaces and the traffic lane in each direction.

Ganum indicated that reducing the lanes on Red Arrow would have the added effect of reducing traffic speed.

Fuller indicated that there could be unintended consequences by reducing Red Arrow from five lanes to three lanes. He asked if police would enforce traffic speed and wondered if motorists would be mindful of their speed.

Parsons indicated that he would feel safer with a striped bike lane.

Ganum said that next year there would be an opportunity to possibly partner with the County to move forward with the Red Arrow project, as the road is being repaved and funding opportunities may be available.

Ganum also mentioned that the Lions Community sign on the north east corner of the Red Arrow Highway and Lake Street intersection had blown down during a storm. He asked the Commissioners to consider if that space is the best placement for the sign or should an alternative area be considered (possibly the Library). He also asked if a completely new sign should be purchased, possibly an electric sign, or if the old sign should be repaired.

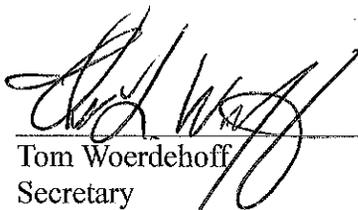
Discussion centered around a possible brick based electric sign, as an upgrade.

Ganum will get estimates for an electric sign and will look into possibly securing a new location. He will email his findings to the Commissioners.

Crocker asked if Ganum would call Carolyn Miller and explain what is being done with the sign. (The original sign was erected in memory of Bill Miller, Carolyn's husband.)

IX ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P. M. by Parsons.



Tom Woerdehoff
Secretary



Linda L. Gedeon-Kuhn
Recording Secretary