

**CITY OF BRIDGMAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 16, 2020  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Planning Commission was held January 16, 2020 at City Hall, 9765 Maple St., Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Chair Parsons at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Parsons, Richard Kading, Dorothea Crocker, John Truesdell, Eugene Herrman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Hurray, Tom Woerdehoff

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the board.

**APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Truesdell to approve the agenda for January 16, 2020 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Member Truesdell, seconded by Member Crocker to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointment of Officers**

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Kading to leave the current positions as is with Steve Parsons as Chair, Mark Hurray as Vice-Chair, and Tom Woerdehoff as Secretary, **motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of 2020 Planning Commission schedule**

**Motion** by Member Crocker to approve the schedule as presented, motion dies for lack of second.

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Kading to change November's regular meeting date to November 12<sup>th</sup> and March's regular meeting date to March 12<sup>th</sup> and approve the schedule as presented with those date changes,

**Yeas:** Truesdell, Parsons, Kading, Herrman

**Nays:** Crocker

**Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Recreation Marijuana survey – distribute and discuss**

Member Truesdell passed out a community Marijuana survey that Ganum and himself put together. This is based off the St. John survey that Ganum showed the board. It is fairly straight forward and not too extensive. The board had talked about putting the survey in the May Bridgman Buzz and having the survey monkey on the city's website. The survey can be placed on a single page of the Buzz that can be ripped out and turned into City Hall to make it easier on residents.

The board went through the survey and discussed the best way to get the information out to the residents. After going through the survey, Chair Parsons suggested adding "undecided" as a choice after the yes and no questions, and the board agreed. Ganum will make that change and have the final draft of the survey sent out to the board before the next regular meeting.

**STAFF UPDATE:**

Ganum talked about the current Zoning Ordinance and how much more restrictive it is on signs. There have been a number of requests for signs recently and Ganum shared a couple examples on how difficult some of the requirements are in the ordinance. Building official, Brad Mattner is going through the Zoning Ordinance and will present the board with a few recommended changes. Ganum thinks the Planning Commission should revisit the sign ordinance to avoid the potential of numerous variance requests coming in. Ganum just wanted to make the Planning Commission aware of this and he will have more information at an upcoming meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Kading, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm, **motion carried unanimously.**

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Tom Woerdehoff, Secretary

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk/Recording Secretary