

**CITY OF BRIDGMAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 17, 2018  
7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Planning Commission was held May 17, 2018 at City Hall, 9765 Maple St., Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Chair Parsons at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Parsons, Mark Hurray, Richard Kading, Eugene Herrman, Tom Woerdehoff, Kevin Nitz, Dorothea Crocker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Building Official Rogien

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the board.

**APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Woerdehoff to approve the agenda for May 17, 2018 as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Member Crocker, seconded by Member Woerdehoff to approve the February 15, 2018 minutes as presented, **motion carried unanimously.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

No one wished to be heard.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Master Plan – review and discussion of Goals and Objectives section**

After the Planning Commission discussed the first section of the Goals and Action Strategies, they decided to leave the very first paragraph in, and take out the rest of the information until you get to Housing and Neighborhoods.

**Housing and Neighborhoods**

Goal 1 – No changes made.

- a. Strike “every two years” from that sentence.
- b. Strike “Participate in community-wide efforts” in the beginning of the sentence.
- c. Strike “within all neighborhoods” from the sentence.
- d. Strike the whole sentence.

- e. No changes made.
- f. No changes made.
- g. Strike the whole sentence.

Goal 2 – No changes made.

- a. Change the word “property” to “building”. Change the word “Establish” to “Maintain”.
- b. Change to now read “Evaluate the willingness of the community for accommodating seasonal rentals”.
- c. No changes made.
- d. No changes made.
- e. Add “If feasible” to the beginning of the sentence.
- f. Strike “encourage” and replace with “enforce”. Insert “and stop signs” after the word speed.
- g. Insert “and maintenance” after the word “development”.

Goal 3 – After discussion, the board decided to delete all of Goal 3 in its entirety except for *c. Evaluate the construction/building permitting process to improve, streamline and clarify if possible and continue to seek input from builders for standardization.* Move this line item to Goal 11.

### **STAFF UPDATE**

Ganum gave the board the following updates:

- The colorful building on the corner of Lake St. and Church St. is owned by a retired patent attorney who just moved to Bridgman. He would like to make it a gathering spot with an outdoor garden and seating area. He wants to have a fun and lively place for people to hang out. He would also like to have food trucks on his property and serve free lemonade and iced tea. The inside of the building he would like to rent out for gatherings.
- The Monogram - Marty Mason has invited the city officials to an open house on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. and will give a tour of the old telephone building next to the Olympus. There are four (4) fully furnished apartments upstairs. Nothing has been decided on what is going in on the bottom of the building yet. The other building there is a potential for having a wine bar or something, but nothing is confirmed yet.
- The old Olympus is going to be a new restaurant called Early Bird Eatery. This will be a restaurant similar to The Mason Jar in Benton Harbor.
- The old Coast to Coast building will have the owner living upstairs with a business downstairs. No decisions have been made on what will be going in downstairs. The upstairs is close to being completed. In the next two weeks new windows will be installed on the downstairs portion of the building.
- Updates have been made at the Antique store and the owners are looking for a new tenant.
- The U-Turn café was sold in April to a developer who is very happy to be in Bridgman. He is close at signing a lease to have a fitness center in the building. An architect is working on drawings now.
- There have been numerous inquiries for a coffee shop in town.
- The Final Friday Fest begins on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> that includes 28 vendors, a fire pit, bands, maybe an outdoor movie, the twisted dog hot dog vendor, and a portable pizza oven. They are still looking for more volunteers for these events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Woerdehoff, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m., **motion carried unanimously.**

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Tom Woerdehoff, Secretary

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk/Recording Secretary