

**City of Bridgman
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
April 20, 2023
5:30 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Truesdell called the regular meeting of the Bridgman City Planning Commission to order at 5:30 pm on April 20, 2023, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lauren Baker, Jacquie Blackwell, Joan Hurray, Steve Parsons, John Truesdell, Tom Woerdehoff

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum, Building Official Mattner, City Clerk Reitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Trapani

Chair Truesdell welcomed Lauren Baker and Jacquie Blackwell as new members to the Planning Commission.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Truesdell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVE / AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Hurray to approve the agenda as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023, and March 16, 2023, meetings. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

6. HEARING OF CITIZENS- No one wished to be heard at this time.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Review goals and objectives from City of Bridgman Master Plan

Chair Truesdell recapped the goals and objectives from City of Bridgman Master Plan. Discussion was held.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Nomination and selection of Vice-Chairperson

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff, seconded by Commissioner Blackwell to appoint Commissioner Parsons as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Parsons accepted the nomination. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

b. Discuss Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (a competitive five-year federal program to fund electric vehicle charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure in publicly accessible locations across the country and along designated highways, interstates, and major roadways).

Manager Ganum introduced the opportunity to apply for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program. Discussion was held regarding electric vehicle charging stations and solar power panels in residential and commercial areas in the City.

9. Staff Updates

a. Courtyard Project

Manager Ganum informed the Commissioners that the concrete has been poured, the pergola structure is being built and will be assembled on site, and the furniture has been ordered. The project is slated to be completed in June if everything goes well.

b. Toth Park Project

Manager Ganum stated that a survey with two options has been conducted and the results will soon be determined. Most likely the project will begin early fall.

c. Housing Development Projects

Manager Ganum gave a brief overview of projects for the new commissioners. The Habitat for Humanity project, located on Vineyard Street, easement has been granted.

The Sunset Village project, located at 9955 Baldwin Street and owned by Mr. Schmidt of Berrien Springs LLC, is still in the process of researching ways to offset the cost of the project.

Manager Ganum invited Mr. Chris Lannert to give an update on his development project located at the corner of Church Street and Lake Street. Mr. Lannert gave an update and stated that the name of the development is going to be Babcock Trails. He would like to have plans available by the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on May 18, 2023.

d. Shoreline Resilience Committee- Earth Day event planned and Creating a Culture of Resilience Capacity Building Grant award announcement.

Manager Ganum referenced the information in the meeting packet. No further update was given.

e. Planned Unit Development (PUD)- administration

Building Inspector Mattner is in the process of developing an application for developers to complete. Chair Truesdell expressed that the completion of the application development is crucial as there are upcoming projects.

Building Inspector Mattner also informed the Commissioners that the outdoor seating ordinance should be reviewed in the near future.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff, seconded by Commissioner Hurray to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.



Tom Woerdehoff, Secretary



Sheila Reitz, City Clerk