

City of Bridgman
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
June 29, 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 EST on June 29, 2023, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lauren Baker, Jacquie Blackwell (arrived at 5:34 pm), Joan Hurray, Steve Parsons, Adam Schaller, John Truesdell, Tom Woerdehoff

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Trapani

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Truesdell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVE / AMEND THE AGENDA

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hurray, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2023, meeting as amended to correct typo. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

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

At this time Chair Truesdell welcomed Commissioner Schaller to the board.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Harbor Habitat PUD Application

City Manager Ganum gave a brief overview of the process to date. Building Official Mattner explained the project would be approached in two phases. Phase 1 will be on Vineyard Street. Currently there is one applicant going through the application process for one of the homes to be built. Discussion was held.

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff and seconded by Commissioner Hurray to send the recommendation of approval of the Harbor Habitat PUD Application to the City Council as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Follow Up- Discuss Master Plan Objective 10f: Evaluate the local ordinance to support renewable energy and adjust as needed to improve feasibility and encourage use. Review examples of solar energy regulations from other communities and identify training and educational opportunities for solar energy regulation.

Building Official Mattner, Commissioner Hurray, and Commissioner Blackwell attended a local presentation on May 25, 2023, regarding Solar Energy Systems offered by MSU Extension programs. Commissioner Hurray and Commissioner Blackwell gave a brief update on topics covered by the presentation.

City Manager Ganum recommended exploring renewable energy ordinances from similar communities to begin discussions on what may or may not be feasible for the City of Bridgman. Discussion was held.

9. Staff Updates

a. Housing Development Projects- Lannert

City Manager Ganum invited Chris Lannert to address the Commissioners. Mr. Lannert gave an update on his project located at the corner of Church Street and Lake Street.

Building Official Mattner informed the Commissioners that some of the current General Law Ordinances for the City were being reviewed and may have an impact on this project and other projects in the future. Discussion was held.

b. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (electric vehicle charging stations)

City Manager Ganum gave an update on grant funding stating that the city would need to match the funds of \$500,000. Given the City's budget this would not be feasible at this time. He recommended that the Commissioners continue educating themselves but move forward cautiously as technology and funding opportunities are ever changing. Discussion was held.

Other Updates included J & J Transport. Building Official Mattner explained that there had been a request to delay the paving of the parking lot. Mattner could issue an occupancy permit with the stipulation that the parking lot would be paved next year.

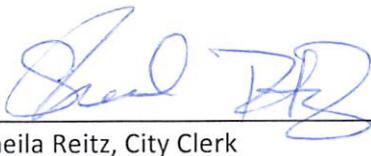
Commissioner Hurray expressed her sincere appreciation for the courtyard project.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff, seconded by Commissioner Schaller to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**



Tom Woerdehoff, Secretary



Sheila Reitz, City Clerk

