

City of Bridgman
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
August 17, 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 August 17, 2023, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jacquie Blackwell, Steve Parsons, Adam Schaller, John Truesdell, Tom Woerdehoff

ABSENT: Lauren Baker, Joan Hurray

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ganum and City Clerk Reitz

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Truesdell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVE / AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion by Chair Truesdell and seconded by Commissioner Blackwell to approve the agenda as amended, adding in Commissioner Comments before Adjournment. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff and seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2023, meeting as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

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

7. NEW BUSINESS- There was no new business

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discuss “Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy Systems- A Guide for Michigan Local Governments”.

Chair Truesdell opened the discussion regarding solar energy. The discussion was centered on ways to incorporate solar energy into the various zoning districts within the City. Commissioners agreed to proceed with the project by targeting specific zoning districts individually.

9. Staff Updates

a. Lannert Group- Development Project Proposal

City Manager Ganum informed Commissioners that Mr. Lannert was scheduled to make a presentation to the City Council at the August 28, 2023 meeting.

b. Harbor Habitat for Humanity- Development Project Proposal

City Manager Ganum stated that the project is moving forward and there is a public hearing scheduled for September 5, 2023, during the regular City Council Meeting.

c. Creating a Culture of Resilience Capacity Building Grant awarded through The Michigan Department of Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE)- zoning ordinance review.

City Manager Ganum reported that the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission was awarded the Creating a Culture of Resilience Capacity Building Grant and is seeking proposals to review the City of Bridgman and Lake Charter Township zoning ordinances.

d. Bridgman Courtyard Project- Finalist for Michigan Municipal League Community Excellence Award

City Manager Ganum reported that the Courtyard was nominated and is one of four finalists to receive the Michigan Municipal League Community of Excellence Award. The winner will be announced at the Michigan Municipal League Fall Conference to be held in October 2023.

e. Lake Street Improvement Project

City Manager Ganum informed Commissioners that the project is almost complete. The final topcoat is scheduled to be applied on Saturday, August 19, 2023, and striping is scheduled to take place on Monday, August 21, 2023.

f. Corewell medical office building groundbreaking event- August 30, 2023 at 3:45 pm at 9625 Red Arrow Highway

City Manager Ganum stated that the Corewell Health project has started. The official groundbreaking ceremony will be held on August 30, 2023, at 3:45 pm at 9625 Red Arrow Highway.

g. Weko Beach cleanup event- Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

City Manager Ganum reminded Commissioners of the upcoming beach cleanup event scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Commissioner Comments

Chair Truesdell thanked everyone for a productive meeting and gave a procedural reminder to Commissioners regarding the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Schaller inquired as to whether or not there would be any interest in having a joint Planning Commission Meeting with Lake Charter Township in the future regarding solar energy.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff, seconded by Commissioner Schaller to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

Tom Woerdehoff, Secretary

Sheila Reitz, City Clerk