

PLANNING COMMISSION

118 N. Center Street
Stockbridge, Mi. 49285
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February 05, 2026

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Daryl Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

ROLL CALL

- Directors/Commissioners present: Jennifer Conant (Planning Commissioner), Jill Ogden (Village President), James Johnson (Planning Commissioner), Laura Loomis Vice Chair (Planning Commissioner), Daryl Anderson (Chair).
- Guests present (audience): Katrina, Mario, Heather, James, Randy, Patrick, Brian.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the February 5, 2026, agenda: Jennifer.
- Second: Jill.
- Discussion:
 - Recommendation to only address the chair position and that no treasurer or vice chair is needed, only a secretary.
 - Spelling correction noted for "Zoning" under Unfinished Business.
- Voting results: Motion carries (voice vote; no nays recorded).

Approval of Minutes (January 8)

- Motion to approve January 8 minutes: Daryl.
- Second: Not stated.
- Discussion: None.
- Voting results: Motion carries (voice vote; no opposition recorded).

Public Comment

- Public comment opened with a three-minute limit.
- Comments:
 - Brian Adisca, Stated that he was withdrawing his application for rezoning from R-1 to R-3 at this time but reserves the right to resubmit his application in the future.
- Public comment closed by Chair.

New Business

- Item: Appointment of new Planning Commission Chair.
 - Motion made nominating Laura Loomis as Chair going forward.
 - Made by: Jill.
 - Second: Jennifer.
 - Discussion: Brief clarification that a roll call vote was not needed; no other nominees.
 - Voting results: Motion carries (voice vote; no nays recorded).

- Outcome: Laura Loomis is officially Chair after this meeting.
- **Parks and Recreation Presentation (Kickoff for Parks & Recreation Master Plan) (McKenna presentation document attached to meeting minutes as it was not part of original meeting packet)**
 - Presenters: Mario Planner with (McKenna). also presenting Village Manger Heather and also presenting Patric with Wolverine engineering.
 - Discussion highlights:
 - Rural Readiness grant focused on mobility, pedestrian safety, sidewalks, bike lanes, trail system improvements.
 - Creation of a new Parks & Recreation Master Plan to enable MDNR grant eligibility for five years.
 - Plan components: introduction; physical/demographic characteristics; facilities inventory; administrative structure; public input (survey); coordination with schools, leagues, Tri-County Regional Planning.
 - Prior plans: Walkability Community Plan (2010); Recreation Plan (2012–2016); joint Stockbridge area plan (2018) that did not proceed due to funding.
 - Emphasis on updating existing content.
 - Schedule: survey launch; draft chapters; 30-day public review notice beginning week of April 13; suggested special Planning Commission meeting April 16; target Council adoption June 18 (grant period ends October).
 - Community priorities: new playscape at Veterans Park (~50,000); *additional bleacher for pump track overlook*(70,000–\$80,000); pump track competition potential and maintenance contract; desired amenities (splash pad, wellness center, playground replacement, ninja course); trail connectivity to regional systems; integration of school bond plan.

Unfinished Business

- Announcements/Discussion:
 - Spelling correction for “Zoning” under Unfinished Business acknowledged and will be fixed.
 - Special land use topic raised by Katrinia ; Extensive discussion entailed on Zonning ordinance definition of owner or owners having to live at a bed and breakfast
 - Mario: What’s your scenario? Technically, the way it’s worded, just let them know, the way it’s worded, it says, each establishment must be occupied and operated by its owner. By its owner. So one other aspect I think of when I hear that, it doesn’t specify property owner or business owner.
 - Chair indicated it would not be discussed any further under unfinished business the issue will be resolved if Applicant proceeds with an application for a bed and breakfast at 417 E. Elizabeth St.
 - Chair/long-time member remarks on years of service (~20 years), history with master plans, and encouragement for Michigan Association of Planning training.
 - Anticipated appointment of Patrick by Village Council to Planning Commission ; recognition of Patrick’s expertise as an asset.
 - ZBA resolution prepared by John; signatures needed; another ZBA meeting needed to be adopted.
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Public Comments (open to anything')

- No Public comments made

Planning Commissioners' Comments

- Jill (Jill): Emphasized chair/secretary needs; referenced 2018 plan history and school board decision; expressed appreciation for years of service and noted "end of an era."
- Patric : Discussed trail linkages, inter-community cooperation, school border benefits, and preserve improvements.
- Daryl: Highlighted SDDA projects, pump track ambitions, walkability priorities; facilitated discussion and meeting flow; emphasized inviting council specifically.

Chair Resignation

- Daryl Anderson noted this as his final meeting as chair; implied departure from the role and consideration of serving on Village Council.
- Departing comments:
 - Reflections on ~20 years of service, involvement in master plans, and working with numerous managers and council members.
 - Encouragement for commissioners to pursue MAP training and education due to changing conditions.
 - Will continue to provide limited expertise and support.

Adjourn Meeting

- Motion to adjourn by Jill.
- Seconded by Laura
- Discussion: None.
- Voting results: Ayes recorded; no opposition noted.
- Time meeting was adjourned: 7:36 PM.

ATTACHMENT

- McKenna presentation document attached to meeting minutes as it was not part of original meeting packet)