

PLANNING COMMISSION
118 N. Center Street
Stockbridge, Mi. 49285
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March 05, 2026
Unapproved Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Laura Loomis called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

- Directors/Commissioners present: Jill Ogden (Village President), Patrick (Planning Commissioner), Amanda (Planning Commissioner), Laura Loomis (Chair).
- Absent: Jennifer Conant (Planning Commissioner),
- Guests present (audience): Katrina, Mario,

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the March 5, 2026, agenda: Jill
- Second: Amanda.
- Discussion:
- Voting results: Motion carries (voice vote; no nays recorded).

Approval of Minutes (February 5)

- Motion to approve February 5 minutes: Amanda.
- Second: Jill
- Discussion: None.
- Voting results: Motion carries (voice vote; no opposition recorded).

Public Comment

- Jill opened Public comment with a three-minute limit at 6:37
- Second by Patrick
- Comments:
 - Several people of the Village stood up and spoke about the changes that were made to the proposal for the property at 487 Elizabeth Street, with the new appreciation for Brian Adiska's willingness to adapt his plans for what he wanted to do with his property. They also suggested that the Village follow through on some of the other issues that plagued the village like:
 - Blight
 - Empty Buildings
 - Sidewalks
 - Traffic
- Public comment closed by Chair at 6:55

New Business

- Item: Discussion on the resolution of the special use changes. Katrina read from the staff report, conditions for approval. John did the resolution while discussion was going on, added 36-foot fence, and sufficient screening of natural origins to help block vehicle lights
 - Motion made by: Jill to approve the resolution and special use for 487 Elizabeth Street. Second____: all approved
- Discussion on rezoning the CBD to include the use of alcohol in businesses that can obtain, or have, a valid liquor license. Interest in changing the zoning for the property in the northwest corner of the Village for the possibility of a developer wanting to purchase. Motion of a draft ordinance and possible public hearing if needed in April. Motion for a Special meeting by Jill , second by Amanda for April 16, 2026 6:00 pm: all approved.
- Discussed the parent Survey of the safe routes to school and how to connect them data to the parks and rec plan.
- **Parks and Recreation Presentation**
 - Presenters: Mario Planner with (McKenna).
 - Discussion highlights:
 - Plan components: Tri-County Regional Planning and Border to Border
 - 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).

Unfinished Business

- Announcements/Discussion:
 - We will continue with our updating of the zoning ordinances and it should be done by June.

Public Comments (open to anything')

- Downtown development assistance with any grant funding brought up by owners of RedBear Bikes. Discussion on MEDC and public credits.

Planning Commissioners' Comments

- Jill grant opportunities. Rural Development Conference mentioned. Stockbridge School District mentioned

Adjourn Meeting

- Motion to adjourn by Jill.
- Seconded by Amanda
- Discussion: None.
- Voting results: Ayes recorded; no opposition noted.
- Time meeting was adjourned around 8 PM.