

**City of Bridgman
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Truesdell called the regular meeting of the Bridgman City Planning Commission to order at 5:48 pm EST February 19, 2026, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Parsons, Woerdehoff, Truesdell, Schaller

ABSENT: Davis, Baker, Hurray

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Lambrix, Building/Zoning Official Mattner, and Clerk Fisher

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVE / AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Parsons and seconded by Commissioner Woerdehoff to approve the February 19, 2026, agenda as presented.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Schaller and seconded by Commissioner Woerdehoff to approve the December 18, 2025, meeting minutes as amended.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

6. HEARING OF CITIZENS

No one wishing to be heard.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to appoint Commissioner Truesdell as Chair.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff, seconded by Commissioner Schaller to appoint Commissioner Parsons as Vice Chair.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commission Schaller, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to appoint Commissioner Woerdehoff as Secretary.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

B. Review 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report

Building/Zoning Official Mattner provided a summary of the annual report, highlighting key activities conducted in 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Parsons, seconded by Commissioner Woerdehoff to approve yearend report for Council to approve.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Master Plan - Chapter 8 Goals & Objectives Discussion

Building/Zoning Official Mattner and representatives from Williams & Works reviewed Chapter 8, noting that it remains a working document with edits currently being made by both parties. It was stated that all seventeen goals will be retained; however, some goals may be reorganized and reworded for clarity.

It was further noted that additional revisions may be necessary following completion of the Master Plan survey. Building/Zoning Official Mattner will continue refining Chapter 8 and will email the updated draft to the Board for review.

B. Master Plan – Survey

Building/Zoning Official Mattner reviewed the draft Master Plan Survey with the Commissioners. The Commission requested that the Department of Public Works (DPW) be added to Section 33 of the survey. Commissioner Truesdell noted that Goal 8 is underrepresented and recommended adding the locations of food banks.

It was stated that the survey is expected to be finalized, packed, and mailed by mid-next week, with a return deadline of March 6, 2026. Recommended locations for posting survey information include the community sign, the school marquee, and the city website.

Motion by Commissioner Truesdell, seconded by Commissioner Woerdehoff to approve the Master Plan Community Survey with recommended improvements made by Chair and Building/Zoning Official Mattner
Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

9. STAFF UPDATES

- Building/Zoning Official Mattner referenced information included in the meeting packet regarding several housing and zoning bills recently introduced in the Michigan House.
- He stated that he is working with Jimmy John's, and they are currently seeking builders with a tentative start date in the spring.
- He also noted that positive developments are occurring with the Bridgman Inn.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Parsons asked about McDonalds – Building/Zoning Official Mattner commented that they are doing a refresh and rebranding of all their locations.
- Commissioner Woerdehoff asked about Habitat homes – Building/Zoning Official Mattner gave update on the new contractor and things are moving forward.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Woerdehoff, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tom Woerdehoff, Secretary

Christine Fisher, City Manager