

**RECORD OF PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
THE 20th DAY OF MAY 2025
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MI**

I. Meeting called to order by Chair Gosling at 6:00 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Gosling, Godsey, Nelson, LaFontaine, Gross, Contreras

Members Absent: None

Also, in Attendance: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Ben Yoder (Zoning Administrator),
Michelle Phillips, Kathy Ryan

IV. Public Comment

Kathy Ryan commented on the home on Maple Street that had just sold and was concerned that it could be made into a quad plex. Yoder explained that only a duplex is currently allowed there with the current zoning and the rules regarding multi-family homes.

V. Approval of Agenda

25-015

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Gross to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Vacant: 1

Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Minutes

April 15, 2025

25-016

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Gross to approve the meeting minutes for April 15 2025, as presented.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Vacant: 1

Motion Carried

VII. NEW BUSINESS

25-017

A. Board Member Application

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Gross to recommend to City Council the appointment of Michelle Phillips to the Planning Commission board.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Vacant: 1

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Marijuana Ordinance Discussion

Yoder explained that he has been in contact with our attorney in regard to possibly limiting the number of licenses and/or providing a scoring matrix for applicants. The board had additional discussion regarding the pros and cons of such a change with the consensus being to not provide any additional resources toward a change and to keep the zoning as is.

B. Backyard Chicken Ordinance

Yoder explained that the City Council approved the new ordinance and that some minor additional verbiage was added at the request of the city attorney.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Ryan commented on having a marijuana dispensary in Grayling.

X. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Yoder elaborated on his report to include updates on the Carmella project in the Industrial Park. Four of the 30 acres that the city received back has been sold. He also received a draft of the master plan that he will review and send out.

XI. City Council – Update of Meeting

Nelson was absent.

XII. Commissioner Comments

LaFontaine discussed several of the vacant buildings in addition to finding a way moving forward of holding business accountable for their condition and aesthetics. Godsey spoke about the businesses that have been added to the mini mall. Yoder also discussed that most blight type regulations are through the county.

XIII. Correspondence

None

XIV. Adjournment

25-018

Moved by Contreras, seconded by Gross that the meeting is adjourned.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Vacant: 1

Motion Carried

Adjourned meeting at 6:36 pm

Lori McGeorge, City Clerk

Approved Minutes can be found on our website: www.cityofgrayling.org