



PLANNING COMMISSION

Authorization:

Created in accordance with Michigan Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 of 2008; as amended); and Part 12, Chapter 1202, of the City Codified Ordinances.

Appointing Authority:

City Ordinance 1280.02(b)(1) and MCL 125.3815(1): The Planning Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval, by a majority vote, of the members of the City Commission elected and serving. Members may include the City Manager or a person designated by the City Manager, if any, the Mayor and one or more members of the City Commission, or any combination thereof, as ex officio members; however, not more than one-third of the members of the Planning Commission may be ex officio members. Except as provided in this subsection, an elected officer or employee of the local unit of government is not eligible to be a member of the Planning Commission.

Liaison:

Marcie Gillette, Community Services Director
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Purpose:

Participation in the planning process by conducting public hearings and recommending a master plan in accordance with which the zoning ordinance is to be prepared and amended. Participation in the legislative process of establishing and amending the zoning ordinance by conducting public hearings and making a recommendation regarding whether proposed ordinance amendments should be adopted by the City Commission. Participation in the administration of the zoning ordinance once adopted, such as conducting the public hearing and making reports and recommendations to the City Commission regarding special land uses, and Planned Unit Developments. Preparation for the City Commission, at least once per year, of a report on the administration and enforcement of the zoning ordinance and recommendations for amendments or supplements to the ordinance.

Membership:

Nine (9) members. Mayor appoints eight (8) persons, seven (7) of whom are members of the community, one (1) of whom is a City Commissioner. Mayor and City Commissioner are ex-officio with full voting rights.

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Term: Three years or until successor takes office. Ex-officio members shall serve one year.

Special Requirements: None.

Compensation: None.

Meeting Schedule: Monthly and/or As Needed.

MEMBERS

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM EXPIRES
Chip (Herman) Spranger	Re-Max Perrett	01/01/2024
Lynn Ward-Gray	Resident	01/01/2024
Tamera Fields	Champlin Real Estate	01/01/2025
William Morris	Self-employed	01/01/2025
John Godfrey III	Resident	01/01/2026
John Hughes	Battle Creek Unlimited	01/01/2026
Cody Newman	Driven Design Studio	01/01/2026
COMMISSION MEMBERS		
Mark Behnke	City of Battle Creek	01/01/2026
Patrick O'Donnell	City of Battle Creek	01/01/2026