

**GRAND LEDGE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**  
**310 GREENWOOD ST., GRAND LEDGE MI 48837**

- I. ROLL CALL OF PLANNING COMMISSION** – Mike Stevens, Chair; Commissioners John Brunette, Bob Doty, Rachel Duncan, Todd Gute, Tom Hedlund, Simeon Lowe, Matt Salmon (absent), and Erica Shuff (absent)  
**OTHERS PRESENT** – Susan Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Duncan led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**IV. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

- A. Motion** – To approve the Thursday, January 8, 2026, Planning Commission regular agenda.

COMMISSIONER DOTY MOVED, COMMISSIONER HEDLUND SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE THURSDAY JANUARY 8, 2026, PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion** – To approve the Thursday, December 4, 2025, Planning Commission regular meeting minutes.

COMMISSIONER DOTY MOVED, COMMISSIONER LOWE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion** – Review of Draft Master Plan.

Zoning Administrator, Susan Stachowiak, reviewed the draft Master Plan and requested the Commission approve a motion to refer the plan to the City Council for authorization to distribute it to the reviewing agencies and municipalities as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

The Commission discussed the language on page 51 referring to the 2018 Master Plan when the 2025 Plan does not provide adequate detail or lacks specific information and whether that means that the 2018 Plan will still be in effect once the 2025 Plan is adopted, designating the pathway connection from the west end of Island Park to the riverwalk along the bank of the Grand River as a planned rather than an existing pathway, and the need to show the abbreviations for land use classification on the future land use and existing land use maps.

COMMISSIONER GUTE MOVED, COMMISSIONER DUNCAN SECONDED, TO REFER THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN, WITH THE REVISIONS OF DESIGNATING THE PATHWAY CONNECTION FROM THE WEST END OF ISLAND PARK TO THE RIVERWALK ALONG THE BANK OF THE GRAND RIVER AS A PLANNED RATHER THAN AN EXISTING PATHWAY, AND THE INCLUDING THE ABBREVIATIONS FOR LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS ON THE FUTURE LAND USE AND EXISTING LAND USE MAPS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE REVIEWING AGENCIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AS REQUIRED BY THE MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**B. Motion – Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.**

COMMISSIONER SALMON NOMINATED MIKE STEVENS AS CHAIR, TODD GUTE AS VICE-CHAIR, AND BOB DOTY AS SECRETARY.

NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

COMMISSIONER SALMON MOVED, COMMISSIONER LOWE SECONDED, TO ELECT MIKE STEVENS AS CHAIR, TODD GUTE AS VICE-CHAIR, AND BOB DOTY AS SECRETARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**VIII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- A. Zoning Administrator, Susan Stachowiak informed the Commission that she will likely be at the January meeting as she will continue to work for the city on a limited basis until the end of January.

**IX. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Council Member David Logel updated the Commission on the status of the Iron Removal Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Commissioner Hedlund spoke about the presentation at the recent Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority meeting regarding a new fire station south of the bridge and the need for a millage to fund the project.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIR STEVENS ADJOURNED THE THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026, PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING, AT 7:13 P.M.

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Sue Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator

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Mike Stevens, Chair

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