

VILLAGE OF LAURIUM

Planning Commission

310 Hecla Street, Laurium, MI 49913

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Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2026

Present for Roll Call: Ian Raymond, Shana Porteen, Trent Halonen, Josh Harju, John Sullivan

Absent: Bill Ward, Sean Gohman

Guests: Ian Lewis, Two members of the public.

The meeting was called to order in the village council chambers by Ian R. at 6:10 pm

A motion was made by Josh H. and seconded by John S. to approve the agenda with the exception that New Business be moved to the front of the agenda to allow the members of the public to address the commission regarding 65 Third Street. Carried 5-0.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting to approve and need to be recorded and approved at the May Meeting

New Business

-65 Third Street Project – The owners of the building were present to discuss their plans for the facility to open a Café. Planning Commission noticed some inconsistencies in our Zoning Map and intend to process a Zoning Map Amendment to convert the subject parcel to Central Business District as it originally should have been and is connected to the remainder of our Central Business District and was an administrative oversight of the Commission during the creation of the zoning map. The owners were notified that no further action was required from them and the PC plans to work on the administrative requirements to change this parcel from Neighborhood Overlay to Central Business District Zoning designation where their intended plan would be a conforming use of the property. Current plans are to have the public hearing before our May meeting on the zoning map change which is on May 11th, 2026.

Communications

-Village President – None

-Village Manager – None

-P.C. Chair – Need to Finalize the Capital Improvement Plan

-Planning Commission – Planning Commission needs to thoroughly review the proposed Zoning Map to ensure there are no other properties that were improperly classified on the published Zoning Map and bring to an upcoming meeting so it is representative of intended uses.

Public Comments

None

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Unfinished/Old Business

- Capital Improvement Plan – Discussion on revised list of Capital Improvements identified, which is vaguely summarized below:
 - R0001 – Gipp Recreational Area Improvements - \$75,000 (2028)
 - R0002 – Gipp Ballfield Improvements - \$90,000 (2026)
 - R0003 – Daniel Park Bandshell Rehabilitation - \$30,000 (2027)
 - R0004 – Gipp Ice Arenan Improvements - \$350,000 (2028)
 - R0005 – Gipp Recreational Area Public Bathrooms - \$400,000 (2030)
 - R0006 – Nature Trail (Behind Ball Fields on owned land) - \$100,000 (2027)
 - W0001 – Recycling Program - \$100,000 (2031)
 - W0002 – Trees and Landscaping at Public Parks - \$40,000 (2027)
 - W0003 – Village Hall Improvements - \$250,000 (2027)
 - W0004 – EV Charger at Gipp Recreational Area - \$50,000 (2029)
 - Capital Improvements will be revised and grouped based on the discussion at the meeting and sent to Council for approval at the May Meeting.
- Short-Term Rentals:
 - Commission shall review the draft and bring comments to May Meeting

Announcements

N/A

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Harju, Planning Commission Secretary