

# PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT



2022

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## 1. Introduction

Briefly discuss the roles and responsibilities of the planning commission and perhaps the zoning board of appeals. Great place to highlight any notable trainings or other accomplishments. This is a great opportunity to thank board members for their service.

## 2. Outline the purpose of this report

- It's called for in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act:  
“A planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development.”
- Increases information-sharing between staff, boards, commission and the governing body
- Allows for anticipation of upcoming issues and priorities, in order to prepare and budget, if necessary
- Opportunity to thank board and commission members for their time and good work

## 3. Membership

Planning commission member	Term expiration
Jere Fritsche, Chair	12/31/2022
Robert Byczek, Jr., Vice Chair	01/01/2024
Peter Djupe	01/01/2024
James Wester	01/01/2024
Mike Hoinowski	12/31/2024
Dennis Powell	12/21/2023
James Dellies	12/31/2022

## 4. Meetings *(MPEA requires four meetings annually)*

1. The Iron River Planning Commission met 9 times. This meets the requirements of the MPEA.
2. Steering Committee met 6 times as of December 2022 to review new zoning ordinances.

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## 5. Master plan review

- Review goals and recommendations of the plan and indicate progress, include goals of the commission that may not be included in the master plan
- Include the action plan table from the plan and indicate progress, actions completed, and next year's priorities
- Identify any potential plan amendments to work on for the upcoming year that can be prepared and adopted then incorporated at a later date
- Use master plan update review table (from the "Master Plan Update Guide") to decide whether the plan needs to be amended

A new Master Plan, provided by Beckett and Raeder was adopted in March 2022.

## 6. Zoning ordinance amendments

- Document the section numbers amended and indicate any work in progress
- Review rezoning requests; indicate location, request description, and status
- Identify any zoning ordinance updates to undertake in the upcoming year

- 2022-01 Allowance of Recreational Marihuana Establishments -  
4/7/22
- New Article 11 – Sec. 151.022 Definisions & Rules Applying to Text  
Sec. 151.109 Recreational Marihuana Facilities
- Continue with Zoning Ordinance Re-write

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## 7. Development reviews *(consult your project tracking mechanism to fill in this information)*

Project type	Location	Description	Status	Recommendation to legislative body	Date of action
Rezoning	9 W Franklin St	Gov to AG/OS	Approved	Yes	3/10/2022
CIP			In Review		

## 8. Variances *(Review actions taken by the Board of Zoning Appeals; request summary from BZA)*

Variance type	Location	Description	Status	Recommendation to legislative body	Date of action
Side Yard Setback	232 W Boyington	Rebuild Building	Approved	N/A	3/3/2022
Privacy Fence	613 N 7 <sup>th</sup>	6' Both Sides/BkYd	Approved	N/A	6/8/2022
Privacy Fence	53 7 <sup>th</sup>	Entire Lot	Approved	N/A	6/22/2022
Privacy Fence	1313 River	South Side Yard	Approved	N/A	8/9/2022
Privacy Fence	25 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave	S Side Yard/Front	Approved	N/A	8/17/2022
Privacy Fence	1319 River	N Side Yard	Approved	N/A	8/31/2022
	500 W Genesee	Heated Storage Fac	Approved	N/A	9/7/2022

## 9. Actions by legislative body *(Review actions taken by the legislative body related to planning and development)*

## 10. Zoning map *(Review with listed development and rezoning requests to analyze potential trends)*

Patrick and Janet Hebert – 9 E Franklin St. – Rezoning Request – Governmental Use to Agricultural/Open Space

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## 11. Trainings attended (*consult your training tracking log to fill in this information*)

Topic /description	Date
RRC Best Practices (on-line)	Various
Provide Planning & Zoning News Subscriptions to all Members	Monthly

Potential training topics in the upcoming year, based on goals and priorities

Topic /description
RRC – Best Practices 1 – 6
Planning

## 12. Joint meetings

Steering Committee consisting of City Council / DDA / PC Zoning Ordinance Re-write

## 13. Other notable items to consider including: