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**Village of Lawrence Planning Commission Meeting**  
**157 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064**  
**February 23, 2026**

**Call to Order:** The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

- **Present:** Ryan Ransom, Mike Carpp, John Gritter, Annette Crandall, Skylar Closson, Amy Cordes

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Motion by Crandall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gritter

All Aye. Motions Carried.

**Zoning Report-Amy Cordes:**

- Working with Chris Mihelich on Zoning & Ordinance issues for 205 W. St. Joseph, 105 E. St. Joseph, 115 E. St. Joseph, and 172 Corwin Rd.
  - It was noted that 205 W. St. Joseph has had a few boards nailed down to it to contain the flapping Tyvek wrap. The permits for that property issued through Safebuilt have all expired and the permit process would need to start again with Michigan Code Inspections, LLC.
  - There are issues with blight and garbage that need to be addressed with the property owner at 172 Corwin Rd. A question of how many units/tenants are housed arose because of the number of cars that are seen there in the late afternoon and evening; to the point they double and sometimes triple park. The blight will be addressed via ordinances, and the tenant concerns can be addressed with the Rental Property Registration ordinance which is not enforced as it should be. This will be a focus in the near future. Several other properties will be encompassed in the reintroduction of the Rental Property Registration process.
- The Safe Routes to School application has been pushed back to the June 17<sup>th</sup> deadline to fill in data gaps and update letters and engineering estimates. It is also the intent to avoid coinciding with the N. Paw Paw St. project by pushing back the timeline. Potential objections to the project scope would be sidewalk encroachment on property and the constraints of residents for snow removal in the winter. The sidewalk maintenance and responsibility are set to be addressed by a proposed sidewalk ordinance that is in the very early stages of drafting.

**Projects and News:**

- **Park Playground Update:** A replacement grant has been received, operating on a 50/50 reimbursement basis. The project requires approximately \$400,000 upfront for cash flow. The Council supports the project administratively but has not committed village funds. Dale and Alicia are on the County Commissioner's agenda to explore possibility of funding options from a County millage source. Marijuana revenue is considered a limited source, not a "bottomless



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pot." The playground size will likely be reduced, and a perimeter fence will be installed to create a "one-in-one-out" safety system. The committee plans to remove the old wooden structure themselves to save money, potentially auctioning pieces or soliciting donations for specific new items. The donation link on the website is live, and fundraising will be a priority for the Joint Parks and Rec group.

- The DDA is managing the installation of pickleball courts. One basketball court will be retained (rotated north-south), while the other will be converted.

**Continue Master Plan Review:**

- Document Structure: Maps, surveys, and charts will move to an appendix to streamline the document.
- Community Survey: The 2018 survey will be updated. Physical copies will be available at Village Hall (and potentially the Library/Dollar General), with mailed copies sent only upon request.
- Zoning & Mapping:
  - Census numbers and the district map require updating.
  - The "Future Land Use Map" is missing or needs redrawing by the County.
  - Text regarding the review of zoning districts (R1, R2, R3) will be updated to reflect that this was completed during the "2025 Zoning Ordinance" rewrite.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by Crandall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Closson  
All Aye, Motion Carried.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
Annette Crandall, Secretary

  
Date