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Village of Lawrence Planning Commission Meeting
157 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064
October 26, 2026

Call to Order: The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Ryan Ransom, Mike Carpp, Annette Crandall, Skylar Closson, John Gritter, Amy Cordes
- **Absent:** None
- **Also Present:** None

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Crandall, 2nd by Gritter
All Aye. Motions Carried.

Corwin Meadows Land Division:

- The parent parcel tied to the ISD property is zoned R-3, with surrounding lots zoned R-1. The project would require a land division with the child parcel requiring re-zoning to match the current R-1 designation. Planning sees no issue with re-zoning the child parcel after land division.
- The original plat was approved under site condominium. A site condominium approach was discussed as a potential alternative to traditional platting to reduce time and cost, subject to legal and zoning provisions. Communication regarding plat vs site condominium with all parties recommended.
- Application for Land Division and Re-zoning drafts will be sent to the attorney for review prior to implementation.

Sidewalk Ordinance Draft:

- Determination to retain snow and vegetation obligations while removing general physical sidewalk-maintenance requirements for property owners where sidewalks are outside private property, particularly where village trees/roots cause damage.
- Clarified that all sidewalk construction, reconstruction, and repairs in the public right-of-way must be Village-managed to ensure compliance with ADA, MDOT, and Village infrastructure needs.
- Property owners are responsible for paying repair costs if they cause damage; the Village will manage the work. Utilities causing damage must repair sidewalks and be bonded/insured (Section 14).
- Responsibility on property owners for private tree root removal and related repair/replacement under Village-managed construction; prohibited unauthorized root cutting in the ROW; retained options like requesting arborist solutions to preserve mature trees.

- Retained sectino for allocating responsibility when multiple causes exist (utility work, tree roots, vehicle damage, aging).

Zoning Report: None

Other Project or News:

- Amy adapted a driveway permit application requiring dimensioned sketches, contractor details, and marking/staking dates; Planning discussed adding survey requirements. The draft will be revised to include survey requirements and will be distributed for review prior to November 23rd Planning meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Crandall, 2nd by Gritter
All Aye, Motion Carried.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Annette G. Crandall, Secretary _____ Date

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