

Village of Lawrence

Lawrence, MI 49064

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Village of Lawrence Planning Commission Meeting 157 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064 October 27, 2025

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
- Absent: None

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Gritter, 2nd by Crandall All Aye. Motions Carried.

Zoning Report-Amy Cordes: Nothing of note to report. The Village continues to receive inquiries regarding parcel number 80-44-308-100-00 and the permitted uses for it.

Master Plan Final Review:

The Planning Commission is beginning the review of the Master Plan draft. This led to the discovery of several historical plans, including one from 1977, an update from 2000-2020, and a more recent draft from 2020 prepared by the Smith Group. It was determined that the last officially adopted Master Plan was from 2002. The more recent 2020-2021 effort was stalled, likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to address new marijuana legislation. The process never reached the required 63-day public review period or final adoption by the Planning Commission or Council. Planning has agreed to move forward by revising the stalled 2020 draft rather than starting from scratch. The plan will be updated and retitled, possibly as the "2025 Master Plan" or "2026 Master Plan." Amy Cordes will take the lead on editing the document. A detailed review identified several areas for updates:

- **Data and Content:**Census data must be updated from 2010 to 2020 (population 996). The
 list of village officials will be updated. Completed, irrelevant, or redundant tasks will be
 removed.
- **Rail Corridor:**A section describing an abandoned rail corridor needs correction, as the property is privately owned and not available for a trail.
- **Resident Survey:**The 2018 resident survey is likely too old. The group discussed redoing it, possibly using a digital format like Google Forms and collaborating with the township.
- **Strategy Rephrasing: **A strategy to "host home repair workshops" will be rephrased to "connect residents with home repair opportunities."
- **Formatting:**The Word document has significant formatting issues, possibly from being created in an old version of Publisher, which need to be fixed.

Next Meetings:

The next meeting will proceed as scheduled on November 24th. However, the December 22nd meeting will be canceled for the holidays. Meetings will resume in January 2026.



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Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Closson, 2nd by Crandall All Aye, Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Annette Crandall, Member

7-00

Date