

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 11, 2026 - 6:30 pm (EST)  
Belleville City Hall – Council Chambers  
330 Charles Street, Belleville, MI 48111

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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| Jim Courage – Chair                        | (Present)                   |
| Julie Kissel – City Council Rep/Vice-Chair | (Present)                   |
| Becky Hasen                                | (Present)                   |
| Mark Kowalski                              | (Absent-Excused)            |
| John Juriga                                | (Present)                   |
| Alvis Brigis                               | (Present)                   |
| Raytheon Martin                            | (Present)                   |
| Gerald Keeder III                          | (Present)                   |
| Tara Edwards                               | (Present – 30 minutes late) |

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. APPROVAL OF AND/OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

(Motion Kissel; Second Hasen)

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

(Motion Brigis; Second Keeder)

- May 14, 2026 Regular Meeting

6. PRESENTATIONS

-None

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. First reading of the Lakefront Sign Ordinance

- Juriga raised concerns about the use of Shall; Keeder reviewed the recommendation for use of reflective numerals but there is flexibility in color scheme; Officer N. Brooks discussed the importance of standard address signs for front of property and the lakefront is no different; Kissel clarified that there is no need for lighted lakefront signs since the reflection material is adequate, stressed that this is emergency-

response related even if not initially enforced, this information has been shared with VBT and matches their basic language; Martin, as a first responder, stressed the need for adequate signage even if the lake itself is not the City's

- Set Public Hearing: public hearing set for July 9 to be followed with second reading and approval to move to Council
- B. Sign Ordinance review – through the open discussion, Chair Courage thought it best to have a shared file made available to the Commissioners for review and notes; heard from Officer N. Brooks about outdated language that would leave the City open for litigation; commissioners would like to see more pictures of signs added for clarity; first reading will likely be August 2026
- C. Joint Planning Commission Sub Committee – Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 5:30 in City Hall Council Chambers

#### 9. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Atwater Street Tacos continues to renovate; taking longer than hoped but very excited to be in the City
- Goat Day on June 20
- Rosemary is retiring after 30 years

#### 10. CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

All: Congrats to Rosemary

Brigis: Thanks to his wife, Dinara, for her work on BACC; wants to continue to look for ways to improve this City and take it into the future.

Courage: Looking forward to a great summer and thanks to all of the commissioners

Kissel: Thanks for Keeder and Courage for their willingness to serve on the Huron River Watershed Council – City Council will approve these appointments on 6/15; Shannon Wayne – running for retiring Reggie Miller – stopped by City Hall today. She will be out in the community meeting people.

#### 11. CITIZEN COMMENTS, Non- Agenda Items

#### 12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT at 7:31

(Motion Juriga; Second Hasen)