

City of Kingsford
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
305 S. CARPENTER AVE. KINGSFORD, MI 49802

Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call:

Present: Groeneveld, Stelmaszek, Lindholm, Marinich, Spencer

Absent: Hammond, Cain, Flaminio, Sorensen

Also Present: Kyle Mulka

Approval of Minutes: There was no meeting held in November & December 2025. **Motion** by Lindholm **seconded by** Marinich to approve October 27th, 2025, meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of the Agenda: **Motion** by Marinich, **seconded by** Lindholm to approve the agenda as amended.

Public Comment & Communications Concerning Items not on the agenda:

1. Letter from Gordon Sorensen announcing his resignation from the Planning Commission

Scheduled Public Hearings: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Reorganization of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary

Nominations were received for the following positions:

- Chairperson: Mark Spencer
- Vice Chairperson: Floyd Lindholm
- Secretary: Mike Stelmaszek

No additional nominations were presented. **Motion** by Groeneveld, **seconded by** Lindholm, to appoint Spencer, Lindholm, and Stelmaszek to their respective positions.

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- B. Update on Automated Curbside Recycling Coming to Kingsford - Stelmaszek reported that due to insufficient volunteer participation, the City Council opted to pursue a mandatory recycling program and apply for an EGLE grant covering up to 80% of the cost of recycling carts. The city will apply for 2,500 carts. Following completion of the grant process, the city will seek joint service bids with neighboring municipalities to further reduce costs. A lengthy discussion followed.

- C. Public Act #147 of 1992 As Amended Neighborhood Enterprise Zones Program to Promote Development & Rehabilitation of Residential Housing - Mulka reviewed the NEZ program, noting its potential to support rehabilitation and development of residential rental units through tax incentives. The proposed zone must not exceed 15% of the city's total acreage. Portions of the Breitung and Heights areas were identified as suitable. Mulka also noted dangerous buildings concentrated in southern Breitung, presenting redevelopment opportunities. Mulka will prepare a legal description of the proposed zone for the next meeting. A detailed discussion followed.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Marinich **seconded by** Groeneveld to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary