

VILLAGE OF FRUITPORT  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
**November 12, 2025**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Fruitport Village Planning Commission was called to order on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:02 PM at Fruitport Township Hall, 5865 Airline Rd.

**Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Sam Ajwah, Jen Wakely, Matt Kotech, and Chris LeFaive.

Absent: Commissioner Kathy Freberg (Excused).

Others Present: Village Council President Roger VanderStelt; Brian & Christine Hoy; and Brian Koetje.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner LeFaive, supported by Commissioner Wakely, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner LeFaive, supported by Commissioner Wakely, to approve the agenda for the November 12, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None.

**Correspondence, Reports & Communications**

**Beautification – Bridge Lighting Project:** Commissioner LeFaive reported that additional concrete required by permitting and engineering necessitated an additional appropriation, which was approved by the Village Council. The project is moving forward. EGLE permitting took longer than anticipated; there is a chance the project may be completed before the Christmas holiday.

**Pending Business**

Handouts summarizing the current ordinances regarding building exteriors and waterfront lot setbacks—along with comparisons to three adjacent jurisdictions—were distributed. The Planning Commission will review these materials and discuss both topics at the next meeting. The Village Council has directed the Planning Commission to evaluate these ordinances and, if warranted, recommend amendments; funds have been allocated to consult experts as needed. In addition, the Commission will continue to identify low-cost projects and pursue fundraising opportunities to support the upcoming park expansion.

**New Business**

Commissioner Wakely noted that the Village Master Plan is due for review/update in 2026. The Planning Commission will begin the process of reviewing and updating the existing Master Plan.

**Public Comment (General)**

Property owners Brian and Christine Hoy and contractor Brian Koetje addressed issues before the Zoning Board of Appeals related to lakefront setbacks affecting their project. As noted above, the Planning Commission will evaluate the current ordinance and determine whether modifications and recommendations to the Village Council are appropriate.

**Items for Review or Action**

- Confirm next Commission Meeting: **Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**
- Acting Secretary to submit approved meeting minutes and agenda to the Village Clerk for public posting.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Kotech, supported by Commissioner Wakely, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Prepared by: **Sam Ajwah, Acting Secretary**