



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of Principal Shopping District**  
**October 8, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Fedell called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Roll Call:        Present:        Byrne, Fedell, Friar, Locke, Parsley, Slominski  
                     Absent:        Clor, Cooper, Faulkner  
                     Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary,  
   Amy Dalman: Code Enforcement Officer

Motion by Fedell, second by Slominski to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Slominski, second by Friar to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Fedell, second by Slominski to approve 09/10/2025 PSD regular meeting minutes. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Motion by Slominski, second by Fedell to approve window replacement at 47 N State Rd (Donna Friar). AIF/MC

Friar stated that all front windows along State Rd would be replaced with double pane windows. The large picture window would be replaced with a smaller 3 Lite Slider Double Pane window, while the remaining windows would retain their original size.

Motion by Parsley, second by Byrne to approve Pocket Park plans and the painting of the wall of the 14 State Rd. building approximately the same color as the brick color on the front of Independent Bank. (Pocket Park plans and brick color were included in packets.) AIF/MC Schneider stated that requests for bids for the Pocket Park were due by the end of October. He said that the park could be completed by Memorial Day 2026, depending on bid costs and contractor availability. Schneider discussed landscape plan, artificial turf, fireplace, wall with signage behind clock and the wall of 14 State Rd building which is adjacent to the park.

Fedell stated that the City was experiencing ongoing issues with trash being left outside the PSD dumpsters in the North and South parking lots. He said that Republic Services has notified the City that they will no longer pick up trash outside the dumpsters which has created a mess and extra work for the City DPW. Goodin said that letters were sent to all PSD members to remind staff and tenants to place trash inside the dumpsters and not throw trash over the corral. Goodin stated that the City realizes unauthorized individuals are also likely using the dumpsters and said that the City is looking for suggestions to remedy the situation. Board discussed: covers for corrals, cameras, locking dumpsters and improved signage. Consensus of Board was to look into corral covers as the most likely solution to prevent trash from being thrown over the corral.

Board discussed tree in front of City Hall which is used for the lighting at the Christmas Walk. The possibility of wrapping the lights horizontally around the tree, instead of the current vertical (up and down) arrangement, was discussed. Schneider explained the rationale for the current vertical lighting and the Board thought that the up and down lighting might look better, with the potential addition of more lights.

Board members discussed lighting trees or light posts along sidewalks in front of businesses downtown and consensus was that they thought lighting the light posts would look nicer. Parsley provided a sample string of lights and Slominski will work with the DPW to conduct a trial on one light post.

Motion by Slominski, second by Parsley to approve keeping the Pear Trees along the sidewalks on M37 when replacement is necessary to maintain a uniform look, and allowing different types of trees to be placed in the parking lot areas when current trees need replacement. AIF/MC Schneider stated that several trees along the sidewalks on M37 will require replacement in the coming years due to sidewalk damage around the trees. He said that they had discussed various types of trees at the meeting last month and was asked to look at Ginkgo & Linden trees. Schneider displayed pictures of Ginkgo and Linden trees. Consensus of board was maintaining a uniform type of tree along M37.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Motion by Fedell, second by Slominski to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 am. AIF/MC

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PSD Recording Secretary/City Clerk-Kim Goodin