



Planning Commission Study Session Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM
27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076

1. **Call to Order** at 6:06pm

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Hillman, Nordmoe, Grewer, Abraham,

Also Present: DDA Director Colson, DDA Project Coordinator Kennedy, Clerk Emanuel, Attorney Baker

Absent: Clarke, Robinson, Hammond

3. **Approval of Agenda** not needed at Study Session

4. **New Business**

A. Master Plan Update – Parks & Recreation

Hannah Prins and Eric Pietsch of Giffels Webster went over the discussion of the Parks and Recreation Plan and the Sustainability and Resiliency Chapter from the 2021 Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Commission members, DDA Director Colson, and DDA Project Coordinator Kennedy discussed:

- Importance of Green spaces
- Having Activities and possibly Dance classes that are here or nearby and not far away for residents and their families
- As a small Community we are not really competitive with our Parks and Recreation activities with larger communities
- Finding ways to get neighbors including: Seniors, families with Children, and all residents involved
- Working on Parks that have equipment
- Returning things to their natural state and not having to mow or clear/maintain them
- Intercommunications between Nature, Tree, Parks and Recreation, and other groups tied into the discussion of the Master Plan
- A maximum lot coverage - amount of non-permeable surface area of the lots (that do not allow liquid water to pass through)
- Heavy reliance on ditches in our City and flooding
- Ordinance targeting parking pads and circle drives, to limit non-permeable places
- Giving direction/options on what residents can do for additional parking including permeable parking surfaces

- Some Cities are utilizing smaller drain holes and making the streets the 1st defense for the drain system/storm water system
- More frequent heavy rains
- Examples of other City's mission statements
- Emphasizing feedback that has been received in the goals
- At Open House, we will be showing residents updated Goals, that they can provide feedback on
- Making the Goals more measurable SMART Goals (Specific Measurable Achievable Relevant Time-based Goals)
- Possible action item of Park maintenance (example clear out areas so the Park is easier to see, safer because of the visibility)

5. **Public Comment**

Jonathan Tara, expressed in part: sound/audio measurements and Commission members speaking up, so there is good speech intelligibility (the clarity with which a person's spoken words can be understood by a listener).

Bruce Kantor, expressed in part: a major problem with water in the City is getting the water to the storm water system.

John Sousanis, expressed in part: to look at Parks wholistically, with some parks as greenspace and some with swings (equipment), and getting into specificity by the July meeting to have something to react for or against, and that he thinks the most useful things are worded like guidance/guidelines for future ordinances.

6. **Adjourn** at 6:52pm