

To the office of the Mayor and the members of the Sheboygan Common Council,

Hello, I hope this letter finds you well! My name is Drew Phillips, and I am formally submitting my desire to succeed Grazia Perella as the representative for District 7 on the Sheboygan Common Council.

I love Sheboygan. I want Sheboygan to be the best it can be. I'm applying because I feel a strong sense of moral ambition to do my part in making the world a better place.

In 2017, I graduated from UW - La Crosse in Computer Science and Math. I went on to work in La Crosse as a software developer at SAP. They were good to me. The wage was generous. Flexible hours. Free lunch. They gave me raises and a promotion... But I left in 2020 to teach in Sheboygan. Where I continue to teach today. I left because, over the past decades, too many talented people have wasted their working days improving shareholder value instead of improving everyday people's lives: they spent their time optimizing an algorithm to keep you scrolling, they managed hedge funds, they got into comfy consultant jobs. And I didn't want to be anything like that, so I left.

As a teacher, I worked with far more people than I ever had as a software developer, and I saw a positive impact I was making on others I hadn't seen in my cubicle. And as I spent more time in Sheboygan, I made friends. Some of those friends read books about city planning. As I read more and more with them, I became more involved. I began feeling the same moral ambition I felt when I decided to leave software development. I started showing up. I gave thoughtful feedback at city meetings, by email, on social media, and at city outreach events. Later, I joined the Sheboygan Board of Zoning Appeals. Eventually, this spring, I ran for a Sheboygan County District 7 board seat against an 18-year incumbent and won.

I've shown high aptitude in past endeavors. I have experience with the city of Sheboygan and local politics. I'm informed about city issues and keep showing up; I've given feedback at every zoning session. I'm amiable and patient, and I've had great success working with people every day as a teacher. I have a history of putting people over personal gain. The same constituents who voted for Grazia in April 2025 voted for me, and today I ask for your support as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Drew Phillips

Drew Ryan Phillips

Education

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Graduated December 2017

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Mathematics Minor.

Cumulative GPA: 3.32

Experience

**High School Computer Science Teacher, Sheboygan Area School District; Sheboygan, WI.
September 2020 - Present**

- Head of the Computer Science department at North, South, and Etude High Schools
- Developed curriculum for Sheboygan North and South High Schools. Added two new classes: Intro to Computer Science and Advanced Computer Science and Game Development
- Teach dual credit classes with Lakeshore College
- <https://mrphillipscomputerscience.netlify.app/>

County Board Supervisor; Sheboygan, WI. April 2026 - Present

- Elected April 7th representing Sheboygan County District #7
- Property Committee
- Defeated 18 year incumbent

Software Developer, SAP; La Crosse, WI. March 2018 - June 2020

- Promoted a developer level (July 2019)
- Worked on developing and designing a new product for the company: SAP Data Hub
- Primarily worked on the front end, adding new functionality, with occasional back-end tasks such as API development, writing SQL queries, and stored procedures.
- Mentored interns in developing a testing framework for the SAP Data Hub front end

Application Developer Intern, DKS Systems; Golden Valley, MN. May 2017 - August 2017

R&D Software Engineer Intern, Skyward; Stevens Point, WI. July 2016 - March 2017

Community Involvement

Zoning Board of Appeals; Sheboygan, WI. April 2025 - Present

Sheboygan Active Transportation; Sheboygan, WI. 2023 - Present