



## Bronson Planning Commission 2018 Annual Report

The Planning Commission of the City of Bronson is governed by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 or 2008 as amended) and by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bronson. Additionally, the City Council of the City of Bronson occasionally refers issues to the Planning Commission for study and input. During 2018, the following were members of the Commission:

Planning Commission Member	Term Expiration
Bill Earl, Member	2018
Chad Davis, Vice-Chair	2018
Betty Rissman, Chair	2019
Megan McConn, Member	2020
Matt Watkins, Member	2020

City staff/Planning Commission Liaison: Brandon M. Mersman, City Manager

In fulfillment of the requirements of the Municipal Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 of 2008 as amended), the Bronson Planning Commission presents the following report covering significant action by the Commission for calendar year 2018:

### **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):**

On January 19, 2018 the Planning Commission met and approved the City's first comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan for all City assets and departments. It plans for improvements and equipment replacement through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 and will serve as a guide for future decision making. The CIP was recommended to the City Council for their approval.

### **Site Plan Reviews/Special Land Use Permits:**

The Commission reviewed a site plan for M&M Core of 300 Mill Street as a part of their Special Land Use Application for a salvage yard. The Planning Commission met and held public hearings for this application at their January 16, 2018 regular meeting and at a January 29, 2018 Special Meeting. The permit and site plan were both approved on January 29, 2018 with a number of conditions.

### **Variances:**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Bronson, the Commission did not consider any applications for Zoning Variances for the year.

### **Zoning:**

Date Approved: TBD



The Planning Commission did not receive or consider any rezoning requests for the year.

**Rental Ordinance:**

On May 21, 2018 the Planning Commission met to discuss the possibility of adopting a rental ordinance for the City of Bronson. On June 18, 2018 the Planning Commission reviewed a draft rental ordinance, held a public hearing, and recommended the ordinance for approval by the City Council with proposed amendments.

**Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance- Ordinance #205**

The Planning Commission met on May 21, 2018 to discuss the adoption of a Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance and held a public hearing on the ordinance. The ordinance provides for the permitting of solar energy facilities in the City of Bronson and allows for their usage. The City of Bronson has entered into a lease option with TorchClean Energy to lease approximately 17 acres in the City's Industrial Park for a solar farm project and the ordinance was necessary to allow for and regulate these facilities. The ordinance also regulates solar panel usage for residential, agricultural, commercial, office, and industrial uses. The ordinance was approved by the Planning Commission and forwarded to the City Council for approval.

**Goals for 2019:**

- Review Zoning Ordinance for any necessary or desirable changes.
- Review Master Plan following the results and recommendations of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.
- Assist in the planning efforts by the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors.