

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
Regular Meeting
Planning Commission
April 13, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission held at 442 N. Grand Street, Schoolcraft, Michigan was called to order by Planning Commission Chairperson Josh Rozeboom at 7:11 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Rozeboom, Commissioners Rochholz, Gunnett, Rafferty, and Smith.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Errol Matthews and Joe Beck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Rafferty, seconded by Gunnett to approve the agenda with one change.

Under New business, change Correspondence from Planner Julie Johnston and Bert Gale to item a); and Discussion regarding Draft Ordinance No. 250 to b). All aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 9, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Gunnett to approve the minutes as presented. All aye.

March 2, 2026 Council Meeting minutes were acknowledged for file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the correspondence from Planner Julie Johnston and Mr. Bert Gale took place.

It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to allow chickens in any residential zone.

It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to set the cost of a permit and inspection of a chicken coop and pen, done by Associated Government Services, to \$150. This will be done by Resolution.

Suggested changes to Ordinance 250 are:

Create new section: 62-82. Delete 62-78 (B) (1-8), SECTION 62-103(A) AND SECTION 62-123 (D).

Delete: AS AN ACCESSORY USE IN THE R-A, R-1 AND R-2 ZONING (SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ONLY) DISTRICTS

ARTICLE I

Delete: SECTION 62-78
78(B) (1-8)82

Sec. 62-78 (b). CHANGE TO 62-82 Keeping of Chickens (Hens)

2a. ~~Public streets and public easements shall not be considered adjacent property lines for purposes of this section.~~

2b. Change paragraph to read:

The coop and pen shall be a maximum of eight feet in height. The coop shall be a minimum of four (4) square feet, and the pen shall be a minimum of eight (8) square feet per chicken. The maximum square footage for both coop and pen shall not exceed 96 square feet.

3. Change to read:

All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens that are likely to attract or to become infested with or infected by rats, mice or other rodents shall be ~~protected~~ stored in an enclosed metal container so as to prevent rats, mice or other rodents from gaining access or coming into contact with them.

Add: 5. Manure and other associated organic material shall be disposed of weekly in an environmentally safe manner.

5. Change to 6.

6. Change to 7. Add: permit and inspection fee

7. Change to 8.

9. Change to 9.

Add: paragraph stating the fee for permit and inspection will be determined by the Council by Resolution.

~~Delete ARTICLE II and ARTICLE III~~

Change ARTICLE IV to ARTICLE II

Change ARTICLE V to ARTICLE III

Change ARTICLE VI to ARTICLE IV

Change ARTICLE VII to ARTICLE V

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Josh Rozeboom, Chairperson
Planning Commission

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk