

## **City of Bessemer Planning Commission**

### **2022 Annual Report**

The City of Bessemer's Planning Commission is comprised of five members who meet monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the council chambers at City Hall at 411 S Sophie St or remotely. A typical meeting consists of review of the previous meetings minutes, public hearings, discussion of articles for training, any new or old business, any communications, and reports from staff regarding development or any programs the City is involved in, and finally a call to the public and member's comments.

Planning Commissioners include Terry Kryshak (council representative), George Beninghaus, Dominic Fabbri, and two vacant seats that were previously filled by Dave Osier and Matt Hellman.

The commission did not meet as much this year due to lack of quorum and staffing changes. They spent a significant portion of the year researching and discussing potential zoning changes. Each meeting started with a discussion of relevant articles to learn more about various topics. Each member received training on the roles and responsibilities of Planning Commissioners including the Open Meetings Act.

### **Meeting Dates and Summaries**

#### **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Discussed training on solar energy. Scheduled public hearing for Right to Farm Ordinance and a zoning amendment for signs on City property. They accepted the Guide to Development and the 2022 meeting schedule.

#### **May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

Had public hearings for Ordinance 379 and 381. After the hearings, they recommended Ordinance 379 and 381 to the City Council. Decided to draft short non-zoning ordinance. The board recommended the City adopt the Capital Improvement Plan.

#### **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Discussed training on remote workers in the U.P. The commission discussed short term rentals and passed it along to the Council. They approved the Rules of Order.

#### **July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The board had a public hearing on re-zoning land behind City Hall from C-E to R-2. Chad Bucknell explained his plan and timeline for building apartments on the property. The commission approved re-zoning land behind City Hall from C-E to R-2.