Planning & Zoning Commission

2024 Annual Report

2024 Accomplishments

- The Commission conducted 47 public hearings
- The Commission voted to recommend approval of 45 of 47 public hearings
- The Commission voted to recommend approval of the Tower Court Residences project for affordable housing for Seniors and Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (4231 Tower Court),
- The Commission reviewed a variety of other development cases including the North Central Collage Master Land Use Plan 2024-2034, Heinen's Grocery Store (1244 E Chicago Ave), 1200 E Diehl Road Residences, LifeTime (Southeast corner of Route 59 & 103rd St), 7Brew (1203 Iroquois Ave), Chick-Fil-A (1159 E Ogden Ave), & West Street Executive Homes (231 & 241 N West St)
- The Commission voted to recommend approval of one zoning code amendment
- Meghna Bansal was onboarded as a new Commissioner in January
- Oriana Van Someren was appointed as the new Chair of the Commission in June
- Mark Wright was welcomed as the new Secretary in June

2024 Challenges

• The Commission operated with only eight commissioners for six months (June to December)

2025 Upcoming Work

- Additional code amendments are expected as the City continues to implement the 2022 Land Use Master Plan
- Several new Commissioners are anticipated to join the Commission as terms expire and will be onboarded
- A new chairperson will be selected and trained when Chair Van Someren's 2nd term ends on 5/30/25