

City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the Community Development Committee
May 7, 2026 | 5:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Steve Shepro called the meeting to order on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 5:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Dani Gaumond, Steve Shepro, Robert Hicks.

Staff Present, Patricia Love, Audrey Rotrock, Aaron Weinberg

Others Present: None

3. Unfinished Business

a. Percent for Arts Ordinance

- The Committee agreed to establish a Stanwood Arts Commission. The Commission would initially consist of seven members, including five residents from within City limits and two residents from outside City limits but within the School District boundaries, serving an initial two-year term. The structure and term lengths should be reevaluated at the end of the initial term.
- They would like to propose allowing art projects in the UGA with special permission from City Council.
- The Committee approves of the one percent (1%) of the total eligible project cost and a maximum cap of \$75,000 per project from a Municipal Arts Fund. They do not want to collect funds from underground utilities, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or maintenance overlays.
- Staff will bring more details back to the June meeting on potentially hiring a part-time City staff to manage these projects. The Committee agreed to move the Percent for Arts forward to City Council.

4. New Business

a. Sign Code Update

Listed below are the thoughts of the Committee on some of the different sign types:

- Pole signs – Limit heights.
- Pylon signs – Better suited for bigger cities.
- Free Standing and Monument signs – Approve.
- Readerboard signs – 3 lines of text is limiting. Consider working

on sizes allowed for these signs.

- A-Board signs – Allow these for events only.
- Temporary signs – Require permission for temporary signs with a time limit.
- Feather Banners – Do not approve.
- Banners – Put more consideration into how these can be regulated, such as how many are allowed per year, their placement and size.
- Marquee signs – Outdated, allow only for movie theaters or similar uses.
- Consider exempting art and murals from the sign code.

b. Storefront Improvement Project - 8701 271st NW

The applicant has proposed to replace the existing storefront single-pane windows with new dark bronze aluminum double-pane windows. The proposal also includes replacing the railing, repainting the wood awning and trimming around the door and windows.

- The Committee would like to know if they are going to add an awning or paint the existing wood and how it will be protected from weather before moving this forward to Council.

5. Adjourn

6:30 p.m.

City of Stanwood

Attest:

Sid Roberts, Mayor

Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk