

Planning Board Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2026

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Location: Belfast Town Hall

Chair: Amanda Preston

1. Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Amanda P
- Michelle C
- Randa H
- Jeff H
- Brent K
- Mike U

Public Attendance (arrival times noted):

- Bedwells – 7:02 p.m.
- Beth Hazelton – 7:07 p.m.
- Andy – 7:10 p.m.
- Josh Hazelton – 7:32 p.m.
- Mike – 8:25 p.m.

Departures:

- Beth and Josh Hazelton left at 8:43 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Previous meeting minutes were reviewed.
- Motion to approve: Yes
- Second: Yes
- Motion carried.

3. Old Business

A. Banking District

- Jeff has submitted all materials to Maple City Bank.
- Financial projections are in early development.
- The building in question remains for sale with no current interest.

- Preferred elements: roof from Design #1 and back panel from Design #3.
 - Students will develop the final design this year and construct the structure next year.
 - Josh will prepare a combined design for Monday.
2. Mike will be consulted regarding structural requirements.
 3. Steve Bedwell and his son prepared a report on trail and greenway projects in other towns, including funding sources and connectivity strategies.
 - Noted that a Michigan community has the longest-running trail system, drawing visitors beyond the local area.
 - The report outlines long-term possibilities for the project.
 4. Brent recommended reviewing county trail plans to ensure coordination among all entities.

Additional Discussion After Mike Arrived:

- Further review of concrete needs and kiosk placement.
- Board reviewed member terms:
 - Jeff moved to a 5-year term beginning 2025
 - Amanda moved to a 5-year term beginning 2026

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.
- **Motion:** Randa
- **Second:** Jeff
- **Next Meeting:** June 8th