

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026



The special work session of the Grand Haven Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Joe Pierce at 6:00 pm. Upon roll call, the following members were present:

Present: Amy Kozanecki, Chair Joe Pierce, Dan Borchers, Scott Blakeney, Vice Chair Jennifer Smelker, Secretary Magda Smolenska

Absent: Tamera Owens

Also Present: City Planner Brian Urquhart, Mayor Bob Monetza, City Manager Ashley Latsch, Assistant City Manager Dana Kollwehr, and members of the public.

Presentation

Magda Smolenska recused herself from discussion.

Urquhart presented the proposed site plans for Chinook Pier. The plan calls for 3 separate buildings, which includes a restaurant, office/retail building, and entertainment venue. A 32-stall covered farmer s market open air structure is also proposed. Other amenities include green space, bicycle parking, charter fishing office, marina restroom facilities, a gas fire ring, and mini golf. Parking will remain largely in its current form with approximately 157 spaces.

Tamera Owens arrived at 6:06 pm.

Greg Taylor, Copperrock, introduced team members involved in putting the plans for Chinook Pier together.

Kirsten Runschke, Architektura, spoke in detail about the site plans.

Bruce Callen, Callen Engineering, spoke about the improvements to the parking lot and the focus on promoting pedestrian non-mobilized use and accessibility/walkability of Chinook Pier.

Commissioners' feedback included concerns over changes from the plan presented during the RFP process and the plans shown today, the proposed bathrooms, and the plan for the fishing charter space.

Adjournment

Motion by **Owens**, seconded by **Borchers**, to adjourn.
All Ayes. **Motion passes.**

The meeting was adjourned by **Chair Pierce** at 6:59 pm.



Amy Vos, Deputy City Clerk