

VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Public Hearing held on Monday, September 15, 2025

President Sheila Snyder called the public hearing to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: President Sheila Snyder, President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Christopher Perez, Mark VandeVere, Lonna Johnson, Kristin von Maur, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Smith.

Absent: None.

Also present: *The Journal Era*, Bruce Stover, and numerous audience members.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

This Public Hearing is regarding a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the C-2 Central Business District Uses Permitted by Right and Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit.

There were several audience comments.

- Concerns about occupancy of the 2nd floors of businesses in the C-2 Central Business District.
- Looking for clarification of the improvement process and when a permit required.
- Concern that if more restaurants open, they will push out the current restaurants.
- Business owners want more communication and clear information regarding storefront appearance.
- Comments regarding how many businesses are closed or being used for storage.
- Concerns regarding the cost of the improvements to their buildings.

***Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Ayes, 7; Nays, 0.
Motion Carried.

Michelle Smith
Deputy Clerk

Sheila Snyder
Village President