



# Guide to Boards and Commissions



## Wanted:

Looking for energetic, enthusiastic individuals who have a desire to work as part of a team on projects and issues to enhance the quality of life in the Midland community. We're seeking motivated individuals to advise Midland City Council on decisions in specific areas of interest.

## Qualifications:

City residents with a few hours to spare, who possess: interpersonal skills, ability to make decisions, an interest in the community and a dedication to the continued growth and prosperity of Midland.



## Interested?

We've got an opportunity for you! Read on!



### Aviation Advisory Commission

Are you an avid flier or just have an interest in aviation? We're looking for people who are committed to achieving goals and reaching new heights. The commission advises City Council on user charges and other aviation costs relating to the Jack Barstow Municipal Airport.

### Board of Review

We need people who are resourceful at analyzing a situation and making a fair evaluation. The Board of Review meets three times a year to hear appeals on property assessments in Midland.



### Dial-A-Ride Advisory Commission

It's the bus for us! This commission develop solutions for public transportation needs in Midland. The commission focuses on fares, services, and programs to accommodate all citizens with disabilities and seniors ages 65 years and older.



### Cable Access Advisory Commission

Are you commander of the remote? Do you tune in to MCTV?



If you're a fan of the City's public access channel, show your support! The Cable Access Advisory Commission advises City Council on general policy matters, encourages the use of the channels and gathers public input.



### Library Board

Are you a frequent patron of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library? Have an interest in books? The City is looking for citizens to work together to study the needs of the library facilities and activities. The board advises City Council on the costs to provide, maintain and develop library services.

### Local Officers Compensation Commission

Want to decide how much City Council makes? We're looking for fair-minded decision makers who will help determine the salaries of the mayor and Council members. The term for this commission's members is seven years, but they only meet every other year!



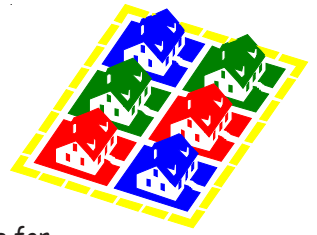
## Parks and Recreation Commission

If you're an activity enthusiast, we've got the committee for you — it's all about golf, parks and playgrounds. The commission studies the recreational needs of the community and makes recommendations to City Council regarding facilities, activities and costs.



## Planning Commission

Help to shape Midland's future. We're looking for individuals focused on progress and development. The commission is responsible for the City's master land use plan and making recommendations on the City's zoning, plats and subdivision regulations.



## Sewer District Board of Appeals

It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it! Actually, the sewer board only meets on a demand basis to hear appeals concerning ordinances governing the city's sewer systems.



## West Main Street Historic District Commission

Do you admire the architecture on West Main Street? If you have thoughts on how to preserve the beauty of this historic area, apply today! This board is responsible for the development and administration of guidelines for work within the district.



## Zoning Board of Appeals

Building a garage close to the property line, installing a tall fence, or a large sign on a new business. If the issue at hand falls outside of the City's zoning ordinance, who's to decide? Become a member of the board that covers all areas of zoning in Midland. The board reviews and decides on all appeals, variances, permits and special approvals regarding zoning in the city.



# Apply Today!

**It's not a huge time commitment!** The term for most boards and commissions is three years. Many of the boards meet on an as-needed basis, while others hold monthly meetings and a few conduct meetings twice a month.

**Attend a meeting:** If you'd like to learn more about a particular board or commission, make plans to attend an upcoming meeting, or - from the comfort of your home - watch it live and replayed on MGTV Cable Channel 5 or via streaming video on the City's website ([www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)).

Scheduled meetings of the various boards and commissions are listed in the City Calendar, which is located on the City's website. Meeting agendas and minutes can also be found on and downloaded from the website.

**How to apply:** Simply fill out a short application form.

## Questions or Additional Information?

Call the City Manager's Office at 837-3301 or send us an e-mail at [cityhall@midland-mi.org](mailto:cityhall@midland-mi.org)

**Appointment timeline:** Most board and commission terms expire on June 30. City Council typically begins advertising for board and commission vacancies early in the spring and makes appointments in late May to fill the upcoming expiring terms.

Vacancies do occur mid-year, however. Inquire at the City Manager's Office for a current list of vacancies.

### Where to obtain a form:

- ① Download an easy-to-use, interactive application from the City's website, [www.midland-mi.org](http://www.midland-mi.org)

Stop by for a hard copy at the City Manager's Office, located in City Hall, anytime between 8 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday

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- ③ We're happy to put one in the mail to you! Call the City Manager's Office at 837-3301

