



City of Bemidji & GBAJPB

December 29, 2023

Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board (JPB) will be dissolving as of **December 31st, 2023, at 11:59 pm**. All planning and zoning requests after that date and time will go to the local government where the property is located for service (either the City of Bemidji or Northern Township).

JPB Staff will be the new Planning and Zoning Department for the City of Bemidji. City Planning and Zoning Staff will continue to be located in City Hall. Northern Township Planning & Zoning will be located in the Town Hall 445 Town Hall Rd NW Bemidji, MN 56601.

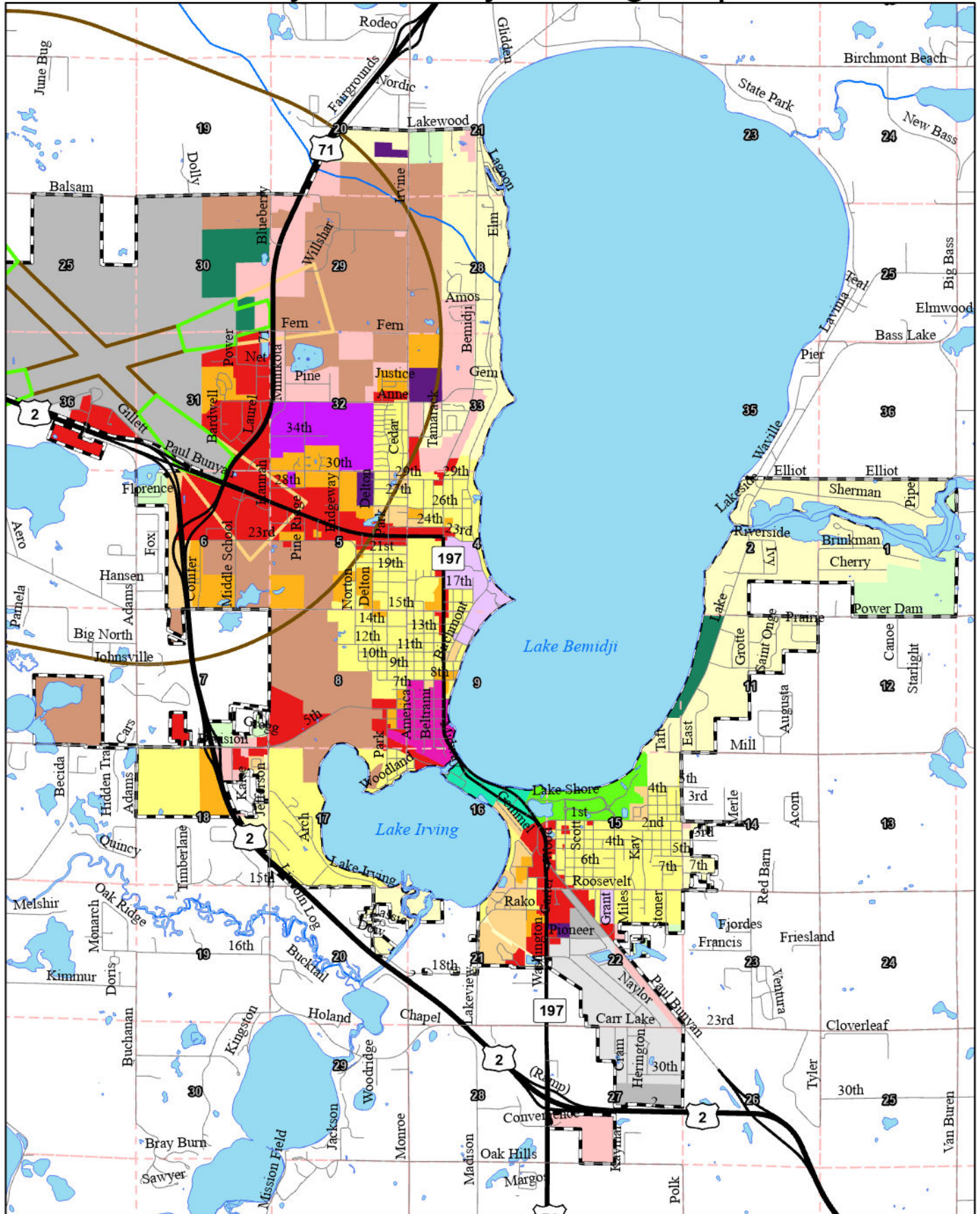
With these transitions, the JPB website will be retired after all documents have been archived to the city files in 2024. The new **Planning and Zoning Department webpage is coming soon!**

There are a few important timelines that interested parties will want to consider going forward to help ensure a smooth transition, please review the following information:

- **Northern Township** - Last day to accept and process applications - **Friday, December 29th, 2023 4:30pm**
- **Northern Township** – Will receive all historical and current applications – **Monday, January 15th, 2024 4:30 pm**
- **Any Northern Township applications applied for after December 29th, 2023 will be canceled and the applicant will be notified to reach out to Northern Township Home page.**
- All **City of Bemidji** applications will be processed accordingly. Please apply for City of Bemidji applications at **City of Bemidji Application Page**.
- City of Bemidji Planning Case timelines have slightly changed for the new year, please see the City's Planning and Zoning Webpage for Deadline and Meeting dates.

The JPB Staff want to thank all the citizens of both Northern Township and the City of Bemidji for sixteen (16) years of collaboration and both City and Township staff look forward to working with you on your future projects in the new year.

City of Bemidji Zoning Map



Legend

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| Airport Zone A | I2 - General Industrial | R3 - Suburban Residential | Bemidji City Limits |
| Airport Zone B | LC - Lake Oriented Commercial | R4 - Moderate Density Residential | Section Lines |
| Airport Zone C | LD - Lake Oriented Development | R5 - High Density Residential | |
| B1 - Low Density Commercial | MH - Manufactured Home Park | R6 - Multiple Family | |
| B2 - General Commercial | OM - Office/Medical | U - University | |
| C - Conservation | R1 - Rural | UR - Urban Renaissance | |
| I1 - Light Industrial | R2 - Suburban Residential | | |



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Park Facility and Reservations

Reservations for park facilities for the summer of 2024 will open on January 3rd on-line and in person at the Tourist Information Center! [Click here](#) to reserve a building or shelter family, group or social gathering. If you are looking for an indoor space in the Parks - there are four park buildings available Diamond Building in Diamond Point Park, Old Mill Building in South Shore Park, City Park Building and the New Rental – Boathouse within Diamond Point Park. Each has a unique atmosphere and amenities. Photos are available under each facility link. South Shore Park and Diamond Point Park Buildings provide a view of Lake Bemidji, while City Park is spacious with three rolling doors and close parking. The Sapphire Pavilion in Diamond Point is a large open air pavilion located on the point. **Park Facilities are available for rent/reservation from May 19th through September 30th!**



Outdoor Rinks and Snowshoe/Skate Rental!

The Parks and Recreation Department are ready to flood and provide fun outdoor activities as soon as the weather provides lower temperatures and snow! Our goal – weather permitting – is to open outdoor rinks and warming house early January. There will be three locations – City Park, Nymore Park and Paul Bunyan Park. The tourist information center will provide both snowshoe and skate rentals this year. City Park will again provide a concession stand and skate rentals. We are ready for winter to begin! In the meantime, enjoy the trails and getting outside!

