

2025 Boyne City Candidates Forum questions

1. How do you see the role of a city commissioner — what does good leadership look like to you?
2. With ongoing turnover in city management positions, how would you help build stability and trust in the city's government?
3. Boyne City is grappling with affordable housing shortages. What specific steps would you take as commissioner to address housing affordability?
4. What do you think are the most urgent infrastructure needs in Boyne City (roads, water, sewer, broadband), and how should they be funded?
5. Tourism is a major driver of Boyne City's economy, but it can also push up housing costs and strain infrastructure. How would you ensure growth benefits residents year-round?
6. How would you approach working with the county or townships on shared services, such as planning or public safety (EMS etc.)?
7. The commission just adopted the 2025 Master Plan. Which priority in the plan do you think is most important?
8. City Commission meetings are often three hours long. Is there anything that can be done to improve this, so more residents are able to attend in person?
9. What are your thoughts on the city's Short Term Rentals Ordinance, which allows 130 short term rentals in the traditional residential neighborhoods?
10. The Parks and Recreation Commission Master Plan calls for a city staff member to oversee that area – rather than the DPW/Utilities Director. What are your thoughts on that idea?
11. The Boyne Theater has stood vacant and abandoned since Main Street purchased the property in the spring of 2020. What are your thoughts on this issue?
12. Closing Question: What's one specific action you would prioritize in your first year on the commission to make Boyne City a better place to live?

> The candidates were asked to answer the questions in one minute. They were also given two minutes for an opening statement and two minutes for a closing statement.