### **Businesses - Existing**

- 1. Have current businesses clean up their store/buildings. Renzema's bakery needs to wash their building. The old pharmacy next door needs to fix their shades.
- 2. Clean up the buildings on the corner by the liquor store/ city hall. We all need to take pride in this city.
- 3. Negotiate with Kalamazoo Township regarding property at Riverview and Espanoza. It's an eyesore and has been for many years
- 4. For petes sake tear down the buildings next to the old jakes party store. Its hideous.
- 5. We are all aware that there are some buildings in town that are real eye sores...I understand that a couple of them are actually in Kalamazoo...could a deal be made to have Kazoo tear them down and I would like to know how hard we have tried to cut a deal.
- 6. Tear down the vacant gas station and find buyers for the 2 banks.
- 7. Support small businesses
- 8. Support local businesses via joint PR; ie library marquee notices, perhaps church bulletins, school newsletter, Facebook.
- 9. Tear down the old bank on the corner of G and Riverview and leave it as green space or a farm stand.
- 10. Support Geno's and Bookends' efforts to make downtown Parchment a destination and promote as a walking/riding community that is within 5 minutes of downtown Kalamazoo and the brewery district.
- 11. Take PNC and make it a community center.
- 12. Businesses need to put more flowers in front of their establishments.
- 13. Clean up the site as Espanola and Riverview.
- 14. Encourage residents of Parchment t shop local so that Parchment businesses can better support Parchment organizations that ask for donations, such as: Parchment Little League, Parchment Rocket Football, Parchment Athletic Boosters, Parchment Band Boosters, Pride of Parchment Schools, Kindleberger 5k Run, Parchment Schools Foundation, Kindleberger Festival, Wassailing, and Parchment Methodist Co-op Preschool.
- 15. Dollar General fined for bad landscape management.
- 16. Get rid of eyesores on way into town on Riverview.
- 17. Get rid of those businesses that have been stinking up the air for decades. It is nauseating. You can certainly count on high-end restaurants never setting up shop because of the smell.
- 18. I have been working weekends but love that bookends is having music/market.

#### **Businesses - New**

- 1. Attract new business to the downtown area. Too many empty store fronts!
- 2. Support small businesses
- 3. Less dollar store, more quality boutique/locally owned shops/art/a quality place for shopping and strolling with a nice restaurant or cafe.

- 4. Engage a realtor/broker to fill vacant businesses and attempt to draw medical type business to town perhaps piggyback Borgess hospital needs.
- 5. Small shops
- 6. Allow "chain" businesses like McDonalds and Little Caesars in the town.
- 7. Encourage positivity and find incentives for businesses to join us.
- 8. Individual art shops. Make it an artist community. Encourage artists to open businesses by giving them a tax break or other instinctive to help grow our business district
- 9. Bring in a good coffee shop where people will choose to come (ie: Water St. Coffee Joint, Biggby, etc.
- 10. And one day cute shops on the new street with walkways, live music, a coffee shop, and indoor play area for kids
- 11. City to continue attempts to bring businesses to the brownfield development property.
- 12. Refurbish the mill area with new businesses or homes/apartments
- 13. I always imagine a park & boardwalk where the paper mill is. That area by the river could be beautiful... With trails alongside the river. There could also be some shops & restaurants with patios facing the river. The Kalamazoo river is a really special asset. (If cleaned up) It could be what attracts upscale investment. We could have a public park all the way from the river to the baseball diamonds.
- 14. More riverfront development
- 15. Bring in a good coffee shop where people will choose to come (ie: Water St. Coffee Joint, Biggby, etc.
- 16. You might want to consider a couple of fast-food joints like Burger King, McDonalds, Chic-fil-A. Also consider these restaurants or other similar-type businesses on the south side of G Avenue by the High School.
- 17. Parchment is a great place to live right now. That said, hopefully we can find creative ways to attract businesses to our town, like a couple of good restaurants in the city itself...give people a reason to come to Parchment and then spend time doing other tings. Scooter D's is a great place, however, we could use a different venue...more upscale dining.
- 18. Bring a substantial business here/mfg facility/distribution etc. for a sizeable amount of good paying jobs. It will then drive everything else to succeed such as the smaller stores/businesses.
- 19. Recreate the community center.
- 20. Have a tourism draw such as a boating launch, brewery or something cool to bring ppl to this town to spend money!!
- 21. Bring jobs and manufacturing back to Parchment.
- 22. More retail and restaurants no fast food or ice cream.
- 23. Offer incentives to bring companies here
- 24. Have businesses display school pride
- 25. Have a bank move into the former PNC building.
- 26. Would love to see a coffee shop where people could meet, study or hang out casually, think Black Owl or Water Street.
- 27. We need a pub with entertainment.
- 28. Steak N Shake.

- 29. Four new businesses in the next year one per quarter.
- 30. Coffee shop with wifi.
- 31. More small business.
- 32. Coffee shop
- 33. Coffee shop & tea bookstore.
- 34. A major tourism draw like a brewery, boat/kayak/canoe launch.
- 35. Attract another big business here for job growth/attraction not small retailer or ice cream shop but a large mfg/distributor-type business offer land cheap and tax abatements for "x" amount of years to get the min here. This will help the town financially get back on track and make it a better place to live! JC Howard is a start but still need another big one to come!
- 36. Another small restaurant in town.
- 37. Open a brewery. People need a reason to go to Parchment.
- 38. Micro-brewery where Bellisles used to be.
- 39. Put in a coffee shop! Think Black Owl. Somewhere quiet with great coffee where people can come to work.
- 40. Parchment needs an industrial park.
- 41. Coffee shop.
- 42. Promote more business so there is more tax money coming into the city, possibly lowering property taxes for current businesses and residents.
- 43. Develop empty downtown businesses first.
- 44. Develop the riverfront. Small, unique, affordable retail cafes, coffee/tea shops or how about a brewery? They are everywhere else, along with more green space.
- 45. Get business in here, nothing here to go out to eat. We travel to West Main and Portage, nothing here, not even on Gull. Old restaurants, lame food.
- 46. Entice restaurants/retail businesses into that [old mill] space.
- 47. Bring in more businesses along Riverview Drive.
- 48. Canoe/kayak livery on Kalamazoo River.
- 49. Kayakers want a "beach" in Parchment to drop in their kayaks and, as a resting place. Isn't that called The Landing, ¼ mile south?
- 50. Attract new businesses and manufacturing.
- 51. Attract new businesses to town other than party stores, dollar store, grocery-type of business. (Tax incentives, etc.)
- 52. Market and develop the land along the Kalamazoo River. Downtown Kalamazoo's footprint continues to head toward Parchment with new businesses and urban sprawl. Take advantage of that.
- 53. It's depressing to only see Dollar General yes Twisters but how great to have an eatery with outdoor space, tables, umbrellas, etc.
- 54. Increase your businesses. Make it so a business wants to be in Parchment.

### **City Government**

1. Set standards for residents.... Create ordinances and enforce them. Just because someone has no money doesn't mean their yard should have trash in it.

- 2. Lower property taxes
- 3. A timely newsletter
- 4. Use trust for elected officials and paid employees instead of constant scrutiny.
- 5. I hope we can move forward on a positive note with a new manager.
- 6. Merge the city with the city of Kalamazoo.
- 7. Change our name from the City of Parchment to Parchment Neighborhood.
- 8. New management, city and schools.
- 9. Cooperate with city government.
- 10. Should have term limitations on the city council.
- 11. Fiscal responsibility.
- 12. Lower property taxes.
- 13. Lower the taxes.
- 14. Lower taxes.
- 15. City Hall needs to follow through on what they say they are going to do. Example: They put out letters on things wrong but never check to see if they are done and taken care of.
- 16. Need to set a limit on how many flower pots are in your front yards. I know who has 40 pots in his front yard so he doesn't have to mow grass.
- 17. Consider annexing with Kalamazoo Township would help to lower our taxes.
- 18. Property taxes are too high.
- 19. Water bills are too high.
- 20. Strong enforcement of ordinances. Too many violations; campers, boats, trailers, junk.
- 21. Need to start enforcing all of the ordinances before it looks like Kalamazoo Township.
- 22. Need to implement aggressive tax reprieve to get businesses to move in and occupy, ASAP, while Trump is in office.
- 23. Any millages passed need to be all residents instead of non-homestead passed.
- 24. Use other forms of communication besides the Internet. Many older or poor people do not have access or do not want to use the Internet. They are left out.
- 25. Ordinances are not being enforced.
- 26. Review/refresh city ordinances.
- 27. Quit making promises, and get someone on the board that can get it done.
- 28. City Commission that was receptive to public input. Transparent.
- 29. Public involvement in city government decisions, something they currently don't do.
- 30. City income tax (Battle Creek).
- 31. Lower taxes.
- 32. Re-do ordinances. Eliminate those that are not needed, update those that are, and put in new ones that we need. Enforce them with an enforcement officer.
- 33. Equal enforcement of the ordinances. I have been cited for items that I can drive around town and see the identical violation but it seems like nothing is being done. It appears that you pick and choose what and against whom you enforce items.

### **Community Development**

1. Make Parchment a destination or an attractive "sleeper city."

- 2. Talk to leaders in other cities who've successfully reinvented their city/downtown i. e. City of Kalamazoo.
- 3. Allow ideas other than the ones that come from the appointed or elected officials.
- 4. Identify who we are as a City. Hire a branding company, if necessary. Set a vision of what you want the City to be and make every decision going forward ones that only accomplishes the vision.
- 5. Improve the infrastructure.
- 6. Advertise Parchment as a great community to live in for Kalamazoo.
- 7. People that don't live here really have no reason to come here. Other small towns have cute shops and several restaurants, and a bar or two. We are in a great location, have a beautiful park and nice, well-kept neighborhoods. We just need to have more to offer.
- 8. Need to tear down the old mill and develop the property with houses and condos, Parchment is missing a huge housing boom going on right now in Kalamazoo County, the increased property taxes from this development would help support the schools and police.
- 9. I would love to see Parchment being kept up and beautiful, weeds out of the streets.
- 10. Get more rich people.
- 11. Develop the riverfront; bike trail, parks, nice houses, maybe some restaurants...
- 12. Raise standards on subsidized apartment housing in town, especially apartments by high school.
- 13. Make city stop letting sewage come down the river.
- 14. Check into pollution in the air from paper mill.
- 15. Promote redevelopment of mill site.
- 16. Mobilize volunteers (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, sports teams at high school) to assist with beautification of Riverview corridor and public amenities.
- 17. Start a street tree planting program to replace the original trees.
- 18. Great neighborhoods.
- 19. It already is a great place to live, let's make it even better.
- 20. Publicizing in the media.
- 21. Promote festival.
- 22. It is a great place to live and raise families.
- 23. Parchment is not the cute city it proclaims. School scores are down, our tax money pays for lame park events, parades for softball, candy thrown, no street clean-up. Think bigger.
- 24. Get handle on subsidized housing that is being offered. Home ownership versus renting needs to be increased to support great communities.
- 25. Get rid of the sewer stench down the road.
- 26. Spruce up streets, sidewalks and landscape. Business storefront, etc.
- 27. Develop the mill area. More green space.
- 28. Keep the small town feel. Move to a more modernized model. How have other successful small towns done this? To survive you need to be a destination place. A hidden treasure. I love living in Parchment and want to stay. I want to have the small town feel but know we need a larger tax base.

#### **Community Engagement**

- 1. Agree to work together
- 2. Listen to your parents
- 3. Get to know each other
- 4. Number 1 Make our children and families the priority in the district. And listen when we voice our opinion. You are losing families left and right because of..... Ask yourself seek and you will find your answers.
- 5. Provide more positive media coverage for residents representing someone special in our community
- 6. I already think Parchment is a great place to live.
- 7. Be more progressive and inclusive, so that everyone feels welcome. Have a connection with Mayor Hopewell to include Parchment in Kalamazoo activities like Art Hop.
- 8. It's a great place to live now, but it could use a younger vibe.
- 9. More foot traffic downtown
- 10. More promotion of special Parchment programs.
- 11. Spread the word with something positive happens (new business, home refurbish)
- 12. Our community is a big part of living in Parchment. We always pull together when needed and help each other.
- 13. Get residents involved in a community planning process to create a vision for the future of Parchment.
- 14. More volunteer involvement in keeping our city picked up.
- 15. Respect. Manners. Love and kindness.
- 16. Restore and maintain pride in property/community. Keep all properties, yards and sidewalks well-maintained.
- 17. It has a real sense of community where everyone knows everyone.
- 18. Beautification of the downtown cutting down weeds picking up trash.

#### **Community Events**

- 1. A Parchment garage sale day! Everyone at the same time on the same day of the year. That also might help the band boosters and various other school groups to make extra money through donations. It would also bring in a lot more traffic for our businesses!
- 2. Farmers market
- 3. A "real" farmers market
- 4. Community events
- 5. Do more theatrical performances throughout the year. The high school auditorium is large enough and has a fly rail so why not rent it out and give it a go? :)
- 6. Do more community events throughout the year at Kindleberger or another location in Parchment. The festival and Little League opening day are basically the only things we have going for us to bring us all together right now. I think it's time to spice things up a bit.
- 7. Allow a beer tent at the Festival and Sunday concert series.
- 8. Keep finding more family strengthening activities.
- 9. Continue using the Park for events to attract people from the area to visit.

- 10. Offer fun exercise classes (Zumba, tai chi, etc.) in one of the school gyms.
- 11. I love the Saturday market and I hope it really takes off with more vendors.
- 12. I love the concerts in the park. A couple years ago they also had movies at night, maybe resurrect that idea.
- 13. Old car show.
- 14. Community dinners.
- 15. More theatre performances.
- 16. Community bonding events / opportunities.
- 17. More math and reading activities
- 18. Sponsor new community events to bring neighbors together
- 19. More festivals.
- 20. More events in the afternoon.
- 21. Bring all festivals that used to be at Arcadia Creek Festival site to Kindleberger Park.
- 22. Memorial Day Parade (ending at new Veterans Memorial)
- 23. Young adult movie nights (age 18-25), movies/movie series, at the library
- 24. Young adults lock-in (18-25) at the library. Read books all night and watch movies afterward.
- 25. Make the Kindleberger fest more exciting and popular with a Greek/Island Fest or other downtown-type of festival atmosphere (always packed and bring in good money). Not only would this help the local small businesses but it could create revenue for the town. Get a local big name band/beer garden act and charge a gate fee. Have fireworks or something to draw ppl in to attract bigger and better vendors. Anything is better than it is now was hardly anybody there and it had a stagnant atmosphere.
- 26. Community choir and/or band, and reinstate vocal music in the school district. One of the reasons I believe we've lost community involvement on stage in the Kindleberger plays is the lack of "training," preparation, and experience for such performances. The cast members of more recent years, for the most part, have been people who have experience in the local theatre productions of larger venues. Must do more to promote music, art, and their value to a community and local economy!
- 27. More community events...maybe in the spring or fall.
- 28. Continue the festival and add more activities such as a live animals/petting area.
- 29. I'm a new resident. So far my family have enjoyed library activities, the Kindleberger Festival, and school programs for kids.
- 30. Saturday programs for families of working parents (Library)
- 31. Have the library offer regular exercise classes.
- 32. Have adult art classes at the library.
- 33. More communitywide events so people can meet their neighbors in a fun atmosphere.
- 34. More community events throughout the year.
- 35. Love Wassailing and Kindleberger Festival. Music on the stage. It all promotes a sense of community.
- 36. Once a year city yard sale.
- 37. Bring back summer symphony concerts in the park. Solicit donations to help cover costs if that is a problem.
- 38. Have community gatherings in park, like Police Night Out, etc.

- 39. Whole city garage sales (set date each year).
- 40. Sponsored event (realtors) to bring folks to town to show what we have to offer.

### **Community Facilities / Services**

- 1. Something for the kids like skating rink, outdoor ice skating, or youth center
- 2. Have a splash pad or something similar.
- 3. Splash Pad
- 4. A water park, amusement park, a skate park, a riding park halfpipes
- 5. You need some entertainment for the young folks. A large venue like Rollerworld or some similar activity that today's kids like.
- 6. Make the library a center of community for meetings, discussions, casual get-togethers.
- 7. A community center that can be rented out
- 8. Community garden
- 9. Need to keep what we have nice as such...bike trails need to keep them well-manicured, well-lighted and clean.
- 10. Need to have something to attract people into Parchment rather than them heading to Portage.
- 11. A water park.
- 12. Skateboard park.
- 13. Veteran's memorial.
- 14. The Kalamazoo River, what an asset! Organize a clean up with community members, middle school science classes, City, County, whoever would need to be in volved. Work with Garden Club to landscape, raise funds to plant a row of cherry trees along the bank. Picnic tables, food trucks once a week or month. Many things to do with that area until the City is ready for their plans with that area.
- 15. Dog park.
- 16. Free tree removal.
- 17. Want more than one junk at curb pick-up. At least two a year would do a lot with getting away from junk in yards.
- 18. Maintain the quality of park maintenance and city services.
- 19. Help for the homeless people here in Parchment. Programs to help people in need. A Caring for Neighbors program, or something like that.
- 20. Love the library! A very well-run treasure.
- 21. Could we turn the empty bank next door into a community/senior/youth center and have the library (of course, with an increased staff) run that also. Who remembers the old Community House at that site?
- 22. Follow through with removing the tree in front of my house by the road, please. It is dead. There was a branch that almost fell on some high school track runners last year, and I'm afraid of it falling on my home as well. There are multiple trees along the roadside that are a hazard.
- 23. Communal garden (veggies) Co-op.
- 24. Have a community center house like they had in the 1940's to 1960's.
- 25. A free dog park, located in town.

### **Kindleberger Park**

- 1. More activities in the park
- 2. Make a skate park in kindleberger.
- 3. A splash pad at Kindleberger Park (scouts could help with this)
- 4. A public pool at Kindleberger Park (scouts could help with this)
- 5. Keep Kindleberger Park beautiful.
- 6. Fix up the lower playground. Pull the weeds in the sand boxes, not just spray. Please pull them out! Replace the broken slide or entire play structure. I'd really love to see foam or mulch instead of sand.
- 7. Mile markers in Kindleberger Park (give to cardiologists)
- 8. More activities in the park.
- 9. K-9 Walk in Kindleberger Park.
- 10. Bring all festivals that used to be at Arcadia Creek Festival site to Kindleberger Park.
- 11. As I grew up inside the Parchment area I often found myself outdoors, riding my bike or playing sports with my fellow classmates. Now that I'm older, it feels as if the kids are locked indoors for whatever reason. In my opinion, the best way to make Parchment a more vibrant and exciting place to live would be by adding a basketball court to the park.
- 12. FOUNTAINS you run through that shoot out of the ground at Kindleberger Park where the basketball hoops used to be...would be good.
- 13. Kindleberger Park is a great spot. Is in about the center of town and always has something going on there.
- 14. Kindleberger Park.
- 15. A Carousel. [The following is edited from the complete online response. -
  - TS] Kindleberger Fest founder Zen Campbell has long dreamed of placing a carousel in Kindleberger Park either a new one (see carouselworks.com) or refurbish an old one with help from sponsors, grants, and the community. The animals could represent past Kindleberger Fest plays, the history of the City, a panther for the Parchment School District, a bronco for WMU, etc. "It would serve as a lasting tribute to the Festival and city, a moving and "magical" piece of public art to be enjoyed by all of Parchment and surrounding neighbors, a stimulating community project that advocates inclusiveness, potentially the centerpiece of a greater vision for use of our public space, provides for job creation and positive promotion for Parchment, and puts focus on and helps revitalize the Kindleberger Summer Festival. The benefits to the Parchment community could be "phenomenal"!"
- 16. Love the park as is. Keep well maintained but do not develop further.
- 17. Continue making Kindleberger Park as the centerpiece of Parchment.
- 18. Also if we are not willing (not used much) to keep the lower softball fields nice let's put in a skateboard park.
- 19. We could also put in an ice rink in the park or maybe even a community pool.
- 20. Ice skating rink in the park.
- 21. Bring back Parks & Recreation at the park for the children of Parchment in the summer. Must attend Parchment schools and have valid ID and permission slips. Hire

Teachers/Aides/Janitors/Coaches/Secretaries that are off work and background checked from the school.

- 22. Ice skating rink in Kindleberger.
- 23. Ice rink in Kindleberger Park.
- 24. Pickle-ball courts in Kindleberger Park, or Shuffleboard.

### **Public Safety**

- 1. Return the police force. The small town feel left when the police force did
- 2. Have a police force again. People drive too fast.
- 3. Increase revenue to get our police department back.
- 4. Safe place
- 5. Have more police protection (especially against speeders).
- 6. More police for to include Cooper Twp.
- 7. Need to get Parchment police officers back on staff, speeds have gone up on all city streets & graffiti is popping up in areas.
- 8. Bring back our police force.
- 9. Bring back the Police Dept.!
- 10. More police patrols.
- 11. Get rid of drug house on 133 Espanola.
- 12. More code enforcement.
- 13. More speed control on Riverview in town.
- 14. Bring our police force back.
- 15. More police presence.
- 16. Vehicles driving over speed limit, especially school area, on Keyes Drive.
- 17. Bring back own own police department. A huge plus for residents and businesses.
- 18. Our own police force. Every effort should be made to make this happen (law enforcement millage?).
- 19. The crime rate has gone up. We need a police force again.

#### **Schools**

- 1. A part time option for preschool.
- 2. Less travel for sports, new football program.
- 3. Merge the school district with the district of Kalamazoo 3.
- 4. The Parchment Promise?
- 5. Strengthen schools. Ensure teachers have plan time during the day. Strengthen the extracurriculars and arts.
- 6. New management, city and schools.
- 7. Improve the school system to entice families to want to live there
- 8. Rally community support for a classical curriculum track in Parchment's schools. This make Parchment a leader in the field of education, providing our children with something exceptional and unique.
- 9. Also free college.

- 10. Good schools.
- 11. Police monitoring of park to continue or increase.
- 12. Bring back our own police department, even if we have to vote to get millage.

### Streets/Sidewalks/Road Repair

- 1. Have the city take care of the sidewalks in the winter it is very hard for some people to keep it up.
- 2. Fix the roads
- 3. Need to apply for local street funding to pave our terrible roads.
- 4. Let the roads and sidewalks lend themselves easy to non-automobile travel.
- 5. Better pathways for bikes
- 6. trim the grass and bushes back off the sidewalks throughout town and neighborhoods.
- 7. remove some of the traffic lights downtown, or at lease have them timed better. Check with the road commission to see if they are all still necessary
- 8. We need to figure out the speeding through parchment. I don't think a "road diet" is the answer but maybe it would help some
- 9. Give Parchment an identity as being a green, family friendly city by: 1. Make it more bicycle pedestrian friendly by going through with the "Road Diet"; 2. Fund public works sufficiently to keep sidewalks clear in winter.
- 10. I would like to see Parchment being kept up and beautiful, weeds out of the streets.
- 11. Fix the tracks on Mosel.
- 12. Promote "road diet" as a method to slow traffic and offer access to businesses.
- 13. Pave streets, fix sidewalks, landscaping and spruce up park!
- 14. Put signage at entrance to city at Mosel with our state champion sports teams. This shows Parchment Pride. Most surrounding communities have do this.
- 15. Sidewalk access in all seasons so it is a walking-friendly town.
- 16. Hope for improvement of all our streets.
- 17. Take out the stop light that causes confusion on the corner of Riverview and Island Street.
- 18. Repair the giant holes in the road where drain grates have sunken. There is a very large one on the corner of Riverview and Glendale.
- 19. Repair sidewalks that are so damaged that they cause injury and make it difficult to shovel.
- 20. Bring back the sidewalk plow.
- 21. Fix traffic signal timing. No reason to stop and wait between 11:00 pm to 6:00 am. Very inexpensive to do and will make a lot of people happy.
- 22. Fix potholes.
- 23. Clean streets with a street sweeper that we paid for.
- 24. Fix driveways smoother.
- 25. Speed bumps on Park Avenue. Too many speeding cars.
- 26. Allow overnight parking in front of houses on Park.
- 27. Repair roads.
- 28. Streets need re-paving.

- 29. Do the road diet on Riverview. It will slow down traffic and provide space for a bike lane along Riverview. During the winter, it will provide a safer place for people to walk.
- 30. Sidewalks are supposed to be cleared of snow but, unfortunately, they are not.
- 31. Reduce number of stop signals at Riverview and Glendale.
- 32. Well-maintained roads.
- 33. Repair Parchmount Avenue from Riverview to east city limits.
- 34. Fix our streets. Parchmount is bad. Where does our tax money go? Curb sweeper too.
- 35. Keep the streets services like they used to be.
- 36. Replace sidewalk bumps where sidewalk sections meet to make them safer for pedestrians.
- 37. Take light out at Bellisle Street. That street goes nowhere.
- 38. Snow removal on sidewalks again.
- 39. Bring back signage like other cities/towns have at entrances to our city that highlight our state championship sports teams.
- 40. I would love to see better sidewalks.

### **Old Paper Mill Removal**

- 1. Finally, tear down the mill! New people to the area look at the schools and the areas around them. Not too inviting when it looks like a bomb went off back there. I know it costs money, but it needs to be taken care of. The trees don't hide it!
- 2. Redevelop the paper mill
- 3. Redesign or demolish the paper mill.
- 4. Focus on redevelopment of the mill
- 5. Clear out the abandoned buildings
- 6. Get rid of the Paper Mills Blight!
- 7. Develop the old mill area along the river.
- 8. tear down abandoned paper mill.
- 9. Clean up the bad parts of town. They exist and we don't seem to acknowledge them. I'm talking about the whole fence line that is the mill. Either get rid of the mill or keep the most important parts (historically) and make it a walk through with tours once a month. Try and keep thr old things and refresh them. :)
- 10. get rid of that paper mill
- 11. Tear down the mills to reduce blight and the problems the vacant properties have caused.
- 12. Redevelopment of paper mill
- 13. The paper mill need to go. It is a eye sore, fire hazard and waste of space. We need to figure out a way to get some developers in and get some fresh ideas on the table.
- 14. Secure the funds to develop all the run down industrial properties.
- 15. Get rid of the old Brown Company. Do whatever you have to do to get the ball rolling so people can see an end of permanently never having to deal with that again.
- 16. Need to tear down the old mill and develop the property with houses and condos, Parchment is missing a huge housing boom going on right now in Kalamazoo County, the

increased property taxes from this development would help support the schools and police.

- 17. Let the paper mill burn the next time it catches on fire. What is the point of wasting tax dollars and firefighter safety to save an abandoned and decrepit property no one actually wants to do anything about? If the developers don't want to pay to do anything with it, turn it into a park.
- 18. Get rid of the mill.
- 19. The mill needs torn down.
- 20. Old mills torn down, there are an eye-sore.
- 21. It would be nice to see some progress being made on the old mill sites.
- 22. Of course, mill property.
- 23. Clean up the old KVP mill. It did not take this long to clean up the Eaton Corp. on Mosel Avenue.
- 24. Tear the factory down. Put it in our taxes. We pay more to keep putting out fires.
- 25. Continue removal of the blight of the paper mill.
- 26. Find way to take down old paper manufacturing company. Land Bank, Brownfield?
- 27. Please fix the mill area. It is an eyesore now.