

# YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

In compliance with Michigan Planning legislation the following report on Planning Commission activities for the 2018 calendar year has been prepared for the Township Supervisor and Board members. This is a summary relating to the productive results of 10 monthly meetings, 2 workshop/master plan meetings and 4 joint meetings with the ZBA and Township Board in attendance. The Planning Commission meets on the Third Thursday of each month.

Updated 1.17.19

## ATTENDANCE FOR REGULAR/JOINT MEETINGS

Commissioner	Meetings attended					Term Expires
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Frank Fiala	18/18	13/13	13/13	13/13	17/17	12/2019
Cathy Strickland (ZBA Rep)	17/18	13/13	12/13	13/13	17/17	06/2021
Greg Purcell (Chair)	14/18	11/13	13/13	13/13	EX	12/2017
Rich Beukema (Vice Chair)	17/18	13/13	13/13	13/13	17/17	12/2019
Paul Heystek	6/7	11/13	13/13	13/13	EX	12/2018
Tressa Knowles (Secretary)		4/13	13/13	13/13	15/17	12/2018
Shanon VandenBerg				12/13	15/17	12/2017
Patrick Jansens (ZBA Rep)					8/17	06/2021

## SYNOPSIS OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed six year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- Significant progress to update of Master Plan and map final draft sent out for comments.
- Zoning Ordinance amended the lot coverage Ordinance and Definition.
- Most Planning Commissioners attended workshops.

**RESIDENTIAL SITE PLAN REVIEWS  
(Zoning Administrator)**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>91</b>
-New Homes	20	32	47	37	33 td
-Accessory Buildings	10	19	29	27	14 td
-Additions	17	18	21	20	15 td
-Detached Garages					12
-Other	10	29	12	10	18
-withdrawn			2	1	0
MH in Park					12

**COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEWS  
(Planning Commission)**

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
3	1	4	4	0

**REZONING REQUESTS**

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	1	2	1	1

**SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUESTS**

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
3	2	13	7	7

## SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, SPLITS

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2	4 (3)	1	2	2

## TEMPORARY CHARITABLE PERMITS/SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	3	1	1	2

## SIGN PERMITS

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	3	4	3	0

## POPULATION CHANGES

2000 (census)	4219
2007 (est.)	4500
2008 (est.)	4532
2009 (est.)	4561
2010 (est.)	4550
2011 (census)	4065*
2012 (est.)	4065
2013 (est.)	4065
2014 (est.)	4065
2015 (est.)	4065
2016 (est.)	4065
2017 (est.)	4065
2018 (est.)	4065

**Rebecca Harvey, AICP (Since 2014)**

Services rendered included General Planning Consultation and Assistance.

Billing for Services:	2007	\$18,565.25	
	2008	\$ 12,988.25	
	2009	\$ 10,689.00	
	2010	\$ 14,278.75	
	2011	\$ 9,686.25	
	2012	\$ 7,852.50	
	2013	\$ 1,512.50	
	2014	\$ 2,662.50	
	2015	\$ 5,725.00	(PC \$4,575.00 & ZBA \$1,150.00)
	2016	\$ 6,687.50	
	2017	\$ 6,200.00	
	2018	\$ 5,950.00	td

**BAUCKHAM, SPARKS, THALL  
SEEBER, & KAUFMAN, P.C.**

All Planning Commission matters with legal implications were forwarded for discussion or written opinions. Ordinances, legal notices and all formal documents have been reviewed. Advice on procedural matters has been provided. Litigation and related charges are not included.

Billing for Services:	2007	\$ 5,445.00	
	2008	4,245.00	
	2009	3,955.00	
	2010	2,220.00	
	2011	3,520.00	
	2012	2,850.00	
	2013	14,605.00	
	2014	10,279.20	
	2015	13,199.00	
	2016	29,074.13	
	2017	19,637.70	
	2018	16,089.74	TD

## EDUCATIONAL CLASS PARTICIPATION

Rich Beukema	MTA Okemos June 2018
Frank Fiala	MTA Conference April 2018 MTA Hot Topics 2018 Citizen Planner Update
Greg Purcell	MTA Hot Topics 2018 Citizen Planner Update
Tressa Knowles	MTA Okemos 2018
Cathy Strickland	MTA/MSU CP Update Okemos June 2018 ZBA Seminar Battle Creek March 22, 2018
Paul Heystek	MTA Hot Topics 2018 Citizen Planner Update

## PLANNING COMMISSION MAJOR 2018 OBJECTIVES

1. Continue to strongly encourage all Planning Commissioners to attend Michigan Township Association, Michigan State University and Michigan Planning Association training opportunities - especially those needing continuing education credits to maintain Master Citizen Planner Credentials.
2. Promote the Non-Motorized Trail in conjunction with the Pure Michigan M – 179 Planning Group, MDOT and others.
3. Examine and update the Township Nuisance Ordinance with special focus on “rental property” issues that have recently been brought to our attention.
4. Assist the Township Board to undertake a “Strategic Planning” effort that conducts
  - 1) Identification of major goals and establishing priorities
  - 2) Prioritize implementation on those goals
  - 3) Assign goals to specific township officials’ for leadership
  - 4) Conduct a new survey and public open house of Township residents to obtain feedback on Strategic Planning goals.



Cathy Strickland, Planning Commission Chairman

Date

4/17/2019