

# YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

In compliance with Michigan Planning legislation the following report on Planning Commission activities for the 2021 calendar year has been prepared for the Township Supervisor and Board members. This is a summary relating to the productive results of 12 monthly meetings, 3 special meetings, and 1 joint meeting with the ZBA and Township Board in attendance. The Planning Commission meets on the Third Thursday of each month.

## ATTENDANCE FOR REGULAR/JOINT MEETINGS

Commissioner	Meetings attended			Term Expires	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Shana Bush (Chair)		9/10	12/12	14/16	12/2021
Frank Fiala, (Secretary)	17/17	10/10	12/12	16/16	12/2022
Rich Beukema	17/17	10/10	12/12	15/16	12/2023
Karen Kennedy (Vice Chair)		5/10	12/12	15/16	12/2022
John Frigmanski (PC REP TO ZBA)			1/1	14/16	12/2021
Larry Knowles (BOT TO PC)				16/16	12/2024
Lee Kooistra (New in Feb)				14/16	12/2023

## SYNOPSIS OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked on many Special Exception Use cases and site plan reviews
- Gravel Mining Ordinance (replacement ordinance) – Sec 4.5.3
- Non-Conforming Uses and Building Structures (amendment) Article XVI
- Short term Rental Ordinance (new Ordinance)
- Waterfront Set Back Requirements (amendment) – Ordinance 3.16
- Land Division Ordinance (amendment)
- Chief Noonday Overlay District (Amendment)

**RESIDENTIAL SITE PLAN REVIEWS**  
(Provided by the Zoning Administrator)

	<b>2021</b>
Single Family Home-Detached	20
Single Family Attached	1
Modular Homes	2
Mobile Home Park Homes	4
Accessory Structures	17
Decks	12
Demolitions	9
Residential Additions	7
Residential Alterations	9
Residential Remodels	11
Commercial Remodel	1
Pools	2
Signs	2
Solar units	2
Miscellaneous	11
<b>TOTAL REVIEWS</b>	<b>110</b>

**COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEWS**

2018	2019	2020	2021
0	3	1	5 (Curley Cone & 2 Grooters)

**REZONING REQUESTS**

2018	2019	2020	2021
1	1	1	2(Godley & Sweeris/denied)

**FENCES**

## **SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUESTS**

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
7	5	13	7

## **SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, SPLITS**

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
2	1	3(10)	4 (Bloem, Door, Mahoney, Wagner)

## **TEMPORARY CHARITABLE, SPECIAL EVENT & ZONING PERMITS**

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
2	3	0	2 (PPI & YST)

## **SIGN PERMITS**

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
0	2	1	2 (McDonalds's & Prince Motor)

## **POPULATION CHANGES**

2018 (est.)	4065
2019 (est.)	4065
2020 (est.)	4065
2021 (Census)	5322

### **Rebecca Harvey, AICP**

Services rendered included General Planning, Consultation and Assistance.

#### **Billing for Services:**

2018	\$ 5,950.00
2019	\$ 4,950.00
2020	\$ 6,700.00 without December of 2020
2021	\$ 5,975.00 without December of 2021

## **EDUCATIONAL CLASS PARTICIPATION**


Rich Beukema	MSU Master Citizen Planner Annual meeting June, 2021
Frank Fiala	MSU Master Citizen Planner Annual meeting June, 2021 Michigan Assoc. of Planning Annual Seminar December 2020
Shana Bush	Master Planner Certificate MSU Master Citizen Planner Annual meeting June, 2021
Karen Kennedy	Intro to Planning and Zoning: part 1: February 15, Part 2: February 17, & Part 3: March 9 MSU Master Citizen Planner Annual meeting June, 2021
Larry Knowles	MSU Master Citizen Planner Annual meeting June, 2021
John Frigmanski	MSU Master Citizen Planner Annual meeting June, 2021
Lee Kooistra	Solar Planning 3/21 Wind Power 3/21 MSU Master Citizen Planner Annual meeting June, 2021

## **PLANNING COMMISSION STRATEGIES 2022**

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. Encourage Master Citizen Planner Accreditation
2. Promote the Non-Motorized Trail in conjunction with the Pure Michigan M – 179 Planning Group, MDOT and others.
3. Work with BlueZones committee for non-motorized trails, assist in creating a county wide 5 year plan.
4. Assist the Township Board to undertake a “Strategic Planning” effort that conducts
  - Identification of major goals and establishing priorities
  - Prioritize implementation on those goals
  - Assign goals to specific township officials’ for leadership

## PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PLAN 2022

1. Look at Solar energy standards
2. Look at Wind energy standards
3. Timely preparation of Capital Improvement Plan Review
4. Private road standards & Zoning districts
5. Parks & Recreation Trails Plan with Township Committee

 \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/26/22

Shana Bush, Chairman

 \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/26/22

Frank Fiala, Secretary