

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

In compliance with Michigan Planning legislation the following report on Planning Commission activities for the 2019 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, 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
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Frank Fiala	13/13	13/13	13/13	17/17	10/10	12/2019
Cathy Strickland (ZBA Rep)	13/13	12/13	13/13	17/17	9/10	06/2021
Rich Beukema (Vice Chair)	13/13	13/13	13/13	17/17	10/10	12/2020
Shanon Vandenberg			12/13	15/17	8/10	12/2020
Patrick Jansens (ZBA Rep)				8/17	9/10	06/2021
Shana Bush					9/10	12/2021
Karen Kennedy					5/10	08/2019

SYNOPSIS OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completion of the Master Plan – our greatest Major Accomplishment. Accepted by the BOT in February 2019
- Amendment to the Private Road Standards and corresponding verbiage in the Land Division Ordinance - accepted by the Board in May 2019.
- Amendment to the Non-conforming Uses and Structures draft finalized - scheduled for Public Hearing in 2020.
- Clarification of Measurement Process for Pie-Shaped Lots (12.4) and ancillary Definition.
- Gravel Processing, Mining, and Commercial Excavation Standards draft - scheduled for Public Hearing in early 2020.

RESIDENTIAL SITE PLAN REVIEWS (Zoning Administrator)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL	100	109	95	91	105
-New Homes	32	47	37	33	29
-Accessory Buildings	19	29	27	14	23
-Additions	18	21	20	15	11
-Detached Garages				12	5
-Other	29	12	10	18	37

COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEWS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	1	4	4	0	4

REZONING REQUESTS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	1	2	1	1	1

SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUESTS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	2	13	7	7	6

SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, SPLITS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	4 (3)	1	2	2	1

TEMPORARY CHARITABLE PERMITS/SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
3	1	1	2	3

SIGN PERMITS

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
3	4	3	0	2

POPULATION CHANGES

2015 (est.)	4065
2016 (est.)	4065
2017 (est.)	4065
2018 (est.)	4065
2019 (est.)	4065

Rebecca Harvey, AICP (Since 2014)

Services rendered included General Planning, Consultation and Assistance.

Billing for Services:

2015	\$ 5,725.00
2016	\$ 6,687.50
2017	\$ 6,200.00
2018	\$ 5,950.00
2019	\$ 4,950.00

EDUCATIONAL CLASS PARTICIPATION

Rich Beukema	Citizen Planner Update May, 2019 MTA Hot Topic Aug 2019
Frank Fiala	Citizen Planner Update May, 2019 MTA Hot Topic Aug 2019
Shana Bush	Citizen Planner Update May, 2019
Patrick Jansens	MTA Hot Topics Aug 2019
Cathy Strickland	Citizen Planner Update May, 2019 MTA Hot Topic Aug 2019
Karen Kennedy	MTA Hot Topics Aug, 2019

PLANNING COMMISSION MAJOR 2020 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. Conduct a new survey and public open house of Township residents to obtain feedback on Strategic Planning goals
4. Review M-179 CN Corridor

5. New Ordinance for gravel mining, etc.
6. Amendment to Non-Conforming Structures & Use
7. Timely preparation of Capital Improvement Plan Review
8. 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

Frank Fiala

Date 1/21/2020

Frank Fiala, PC Secretary