

**Annual Report
Williamstown Township Planning Commission
April 2012- March 2013**

Commissioners: Rex LaMore(chair), Dali Giese(vice chair), Gerald Eidt(secretary), Joscelyn Brown-Timm, Rick DeShon, Annette Davis and Ger Schultink, Rick Williams (board representative).

Staff members: Planning Consultants: Christopher Doozan of McKenna Associates, Inc; Wanda Bloomquist, Planning Assistant

REZONING

None

SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS AND SITE PLAN REVIEW

Earthcom, Inc. 3424 Corwin Rd.: PH 11/20/12. Planning Commission recommended approval of the SUP and Site Plan provided outdoor lighting and landscaping was brought into compliance with the zoning ordinance. On 12/11/12 the Board approved the SUP and the Site Plan with the conditions that: 1) No screening is required. 2) All improvements or alterations to the land or buildings must be by permit and be in compliance with the Township Zoning Ordinance in effect at the time of change. 3) All outdoor lighting to be brought into compliance with Township Ordinance, as recommended by the Township Planning Commission.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

None

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. 9/18/12: PH held for amendments to the zoning ordinance to Section 8.02(V) with recommendations sent to the Board..

10/09/12: Board adopted the recommendations of the Planning Commission to bring the Zoning Ordinance in compliance with the new legislation regarding Public Act 110 of 2006.

MASTER PLAN REVIEW

The Planning Commission continued review of the Master Plan. Chapters reviewed included: Housing Analysis, Existing Land Use, Economic Analysis, Grand River Corridor Analysis, Transportation, Future Land Use Map. The Planning Commission also reviewed recommendations from TriCounty Planning regarding Urban Services Management language and a Community Survey Chapter.

SUBDIVISION PLAT

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Shannon Shared Drive: 08/21/12: The ZBA requested the Planning Commission review the split applications submitted by Dr. Shannon for Haslett Rd. and Shoesmith Rd. with compatibility to the Zoning Ordinance and all other Township Ordinances in affect at the time of application. 10/16/12: The Planning Commission recommended denial by the ZBA of the proposed splits dues to the deficiencies outlined in McKenna's letter dated 10/9/12.

Election of PC Officers: 11/20/12 Rex LaMore was elected Chair; Dali Giese, Vice Chair; and Gerald Eidt, Secretary.

Ordinance Review: Reviewed Articles 23 through 29.

Appointment of PC members: 9/18/12 Appointed Annette Davis to replace Ron Cook after 9 years of service to the Planning Commission. 11/20/13: Appointed Rick DeShon to replace Chair Fielek, who was elected as Treasurer to the Township Board.

Rental Regulations: The Board asked the Planning Commission to investigate rental regulations for the Township. 4/17/12: Planning Commission prepared a resolution to the Board with recommendations.

Master Plan Reviews: 1/15/13 Wheatfield Master Plan: Planning Commission moved to submit the letter of recommendations of the sub-committee to Wheatfield Township Planning Commission.
3/19/13: Sub-committee formed to review Woodhull Township's draft Master Plan.

Health Impact Assessment: Planning Commission reviewed Meridian's Health Impact Assessment to take under consideration of a similar document.