

Annual Report
Williamstown Township Planning Commission
April 2014- March 2015

Commissioners: Gerald Eidt(chair), Rex LaMore(vice chair), Joscelyn Brown-Timm(secretary), Dali Giese, Rick DeShon, Phil Korson, Annette Davis and Toby Weston
Janet Eyster (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

Cortis- Spartan Cars-1099 E. Grand River Rd.: PH 07/16/14. On 07/16/14 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the SUP and approval of the Site Plan provided the conditions addressed in McKenna's review letter of June 06/24/14 are fulfilled.

On 08/13/14 the Board approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission with conditions to be met by the applicant.

On 09/10/14 the Board approved the request of the applicant to rescind the approval of the SUP and Site Plan.

Bonnen-Kaufman, Accessory Apartment - 90 Sherwood Rd.: 03/18/15 Application reviewed and PH to be held on 05/20/15

Harns, 7-12 Bed Adult Foster Care Facility-4800 Vanneter Rd.: 03/18/15 Application reviewed and PH to be held on 05/20/15.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Brian Ruh, 694 E. Grand River Rd.: 07/16/14 Mr. Ruh presented the site plan that was previously approved suggesting minor modifications. Action was tabled at the request of the applicant to present a revised site plan.
03/18/15: Planning Commission reviewed the revised Site Plan and recommended the Board approve the Site Plan with the conditions being addressed in McKenna's review letter dated 03/02/15.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Zoning, Land Division & Subdivision Control Ordinances: Municipal Code revisions. PH 5/21/14:
PH held for amendments to the ordinances to incorporate revisions to add regulations concerning municipal civil infractions to the penalties and enforcement sections of the ordinances. The Planning Commission recommended adoption of the revisions to the Ordinances as presented at the public hearing.
06/11/14: Board adopted the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Medical Marijuana: PH 06/18/14. On 06/18/14 the Planning Commission recommended the Board approve language amending Section 2.02- Allowable and Prohibited Uses and adding subsection 8.02 (MM) adopting guidelines for Medical Marijuana uses.
On 07/09/14 the Board approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Brewpubs and Microbreweries: PH 06/18/14. On 07/16/14 the Planning Commission recommended the Board approve adding subsection 8.02(NN) for Brewpubs and Microbreweries and to allow *brewpubs* as a principal permitted use in the Limited Business District, Commercial Center District, Green Zone Planned Development District, and Mixed Use Overlay District. Regulations are also proposed to allow *microbreweries* as a special land use in the Limited Business District, Commercial Center District, and Mixed Use Overlay District.
On 08/13/14 the Board adopted the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Agri-tourism: PH 06/18/14. Due to revisions, a second PH was held on 09/17/14 with the Planning Commission recommending the Board approve adding subsection 8.02 (OO) with regulations for Agri-Tourism and definitions of Minor and Major Operations along with the requirements for both. On 10/08/14 the Board sent the proposed amendments back to the Planning Commission for further review. PH 03/18/15 with the Planning Commission recommending approval of the proposed regulations for Agri-Tourism. On 04/08/15 the Township Board adopted the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

PARKS AND REC MASTER PLAN

Master Plan Adoption: By resolution on 5/21/14, the Planning Commission adopted the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and recommended the Board approve the plan.

SUBDIVISION PLAT

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Joint meeting with the City of Williamston Planning Commission: 10/07/14 The Planning Commissions met to review the respective Master Plans, activities of the Commissions and areas of Joint Interest. Out of the meeting came the resolution of support for a Joint Sustainability Task Force for consideration by our respective Council and Board. The Planning Commission adopted the resolution on 01/21/15.

On 02/11/15 the Board approved the Joint Statement with the removal of the word “Sustainable” from the last paragraph.

Election of PC Officers: 11/19/14 Gerald Eidt was elected Chair; Rex LaMore, Vice Chair; and Joscelyn Brown-Timm, Secretary.

Appointment of PC members: 10/08/14 Phil Korson, Gerald Eidt and Tobin Weston were appointed for 3 year terms.

Red Cedar Corridor Practicum: 03/18/15 The Trail Plan was distributed to the Planning Commission and the video promoting trails was presented. Rex LaMore expounded on the funding, along with the goals and results of the work the students put into the presentations.

Meeting Dates: The Planning Commission meeting dates were approved with meetings being held every other month beginning in May for the next fiscal year.