



Williamstown Township Annual Report

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This is the third annual report of the actions of the Township Board, Planning Commission and Committee Functions for the fiscal year. Please let us know if there is additional information you would like to be disseminated and we will do our best to accommodate.

Annual Report of Board Actions Taken from Minutes

April 2009- March 2010

TOWNSHIP BOARD (ELECTED)

Supervisor - Mickey Martin **Clerk** - Ernie Gaffner **Treasurer** - Janet T. Eyster **Trustee** - Martin Wright **Trustee** - Frans Wilbrink **Trustee** - Rick Williams **Trustee** - Robert Hayes

Board Resolutions

77: Resolution authorizing a MNRTF Grant Application 03/24/09

78: Resolution approving Ordinance 45, The Cemetery Ordinance 03/24/09

79,80,81: Resolution approving PDR Landowners Applications for Spencer Estates, Michael Gruber and Powell, et al., respectively.

83: Resolution Opposing the Repeal of Michigan's Wetland Protection Act. 07/07/09

84: Resolution to adopt the "Michigan Green Communities Challenge 08/04/09

85: Resolution of Support for the Tri-County Regional Urban/Rural Service District/Boundary Committee and the Pursuit of the 2009 LIAA Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities Grant." 10/06/09

86: Resolution authorizing Submission of the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block. 10/20/09

87: Resolution to designate the Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Officials of Williamstown Township, in compliance with adopted ordinance #47. 11/10/09

88: Resolution, as requested by the Williamston Suns of Williamston, County of Ingham, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. 11/10/09

89: Resolution adopting the 2010 guidelines for poverty exemption, pertaining to property taxes. 01/12/10

90: Resolution approving funding match for the TE Grant for paved shoulders along Grand River between Meridian and Zimmer Rds. 02/09/10

91: Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. 02/09/10

92: Resolution of intent to establish joint police authority. 02/09/10

Park, Cemetery and Historical Committees

MOVED that Williamstown Township purchase 40 trees, watering tank and other materials not to exceed \$5,500.00. This is contingent upon volunteer help for planting the trees to be appropriately organized prior to purchase and include three different species of trees. 4/07/09

MOTION that the Williamstown Township Board approve the Parks & Recreation Committee's request to install a parking area that includes a handicap parking area at the Soccer/Baseball parking area of the Township park on Grand River and include the purchase of a 3- point auger with a total cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. 09/01/09

MOTION that the Williamstown Township Board approve the proposal by One-Way Asphalt Paving to repair and surface with asphalt the area described in their 7/21/09 proposal for Summit Cemetery at a cost of \$3,690.00. 09/01/09

BOARD ACTIONS CONTINUED

Plat Extensions

None

Cable Commission

Williamstown Township Board adopted Right-of-Way Ordinance #46, with a revision to Article 12, requiring a \$100 application fee be added. 6/02/09

Road Improvements

Roads 2009 –10 budget—The Road Committee met with representatives from the ICRC. The Township has budgeted \$30,000 and the ICRC will match this for a total of \$60,000. The recommendation for expenditure is: Baan Gan Aka Subdivision (\$40,315); Oakleaf Hills Subdivision (\$11,000) leaving a balance of \$8,865.

SHERIFF PATROL- A Town Hall Meeting was held on June 17,2009 to inform residents of the County Commissioners plan to eliminate road patrol and the impact it will have on the community.

Miscellaneous

MOTION that the Williamstown Township Board approve the time lines submitted by Rochelle DeNike for bringing the 4494 Beeman Road property into compliance with Williamstown Township ordinance.

MOTION to approve the sale of parcel 33-03-03-26-201-026, which is 0.078 acres m/l (approximately 17' by 200') for \$500.00 plus legal fees and any other Township expenses. The parcel must be combined with parcel number 33-03-03-26-20-025. 06/02/09

MOTION that the Williamstown Township Board approve the appointment of Michael Fielek, Ron Cook and Dali Giese to the Williamstown Township Planning Commission. 10/20/09

MOTION to approve the purchase of seven (7) laptop computers for township board elected officials and up to a total cost \$3300, with research into insurance and computer policy to follow.12/01/09

MOTION that the Williamstown Township Board approve the purchase of an Epson 83+ Powerlite Projector, 2200 Lumens (approx \$799); Avermedia Aversion 300 AF Document Camera (\$644) and Buhl Industries Square Format Manual Projector Screen model WS-W70 (\$139). 10/20/09

MOTION that the Williamstown Township Board approve the Eagle Scout project by Ryan McGuire to construct three bike racks to be placed at the Township Hall and Township Park. 02/09/10

MOTION that the Williamstown Township Board approve adoption of Construction Codes Ordinance #47 under the provisions of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, 1972 PA 230.11/10/09

MOTION that the Williamstown Township Board approve the Road Financing Policy to provide matching funds for county local road construction and/or resurfacing in Williamstown Township. 02/09/10

MOTION the Williamstown Township Board approve the Fund Balance Minimum Policy to maintain a minimum fund balance on March 31st of each year. 02/09/10

Grants:

A Transportation Enhancement Grant will provide matching funds from the state to construct 8' paved shoulders along both sides of M-43 for non-motorized transportation between Meridian Rd. and Zimmer Rd. The project will be paired with a project to resurface M-43 and will include signs and pavement markings to increase the safety of bicyclists. The project cost is \$450,000, including \$292,500 in federal TE-funds and \$157,500 in match from Williamstown Township.

Secondly, Williamstown Township in cooperation with Leroy Township, Locke Township and Wheatfield Township were awarded \$75,384 through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These funds will be used in part to conduct audits on Township owned facilities, to reduce energy consumption and demonstrate LED & energy lighting, to amend the Williamstown Township Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance to increase and promote non-motorized and public transportation and LEED standards for new construction, to add a bus stop at the Williamstown Township Park, to increase and promote public transportation and to increase awareness and involvement of residents in energy conservation, recycling and resource conservation through light bulb exchanges, seminars, publications and demonstration projects.

ANNUAL TAX DATES

Summer Tax Bill mailed July 1st, 2010
Due by September 14th, 2010
Winter Tax Bill mailed December 1st, 2010
Due by February 14th, 2011

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

7/6/2010—voter registration deadline for August Primary Election
10/4/2010—voter registration deadline for November General Election
August 3, 2010—State Primary Election
November 2, 2010—State General Election

Annual Report of the Planning Commission Taken from Minutes

April 2009- March 2010

Commissioners: Michael Fielek(chair), Rex LaMore(vice chair), Gerald Eidt(secretary) Wanda Bloomquist(assistant), Ronald Cook, Dali Giese, Ger Schultink, Rod Imhoff, Martin Wright (board representative).

Staff members Planning Consultants: Christopher Doozan and Zeb Acuff of McKenna Associates, Inc;

SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS AND SITE PLAN REVIEW

Foerch –Special Land Use/Accessory Apartment PH 12/15/09 Recommended approval with conditions: Occupancy limit of 3. Subject to obtaining variance if sq. footage verification comes in over 800 Sq. ft. Board Approved: 01/12/10 without need for a variance.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Dan Wallace-Wallace Storage. 1099 E. Grand River. Request for revisions to approved site plan. Pending

MISCELLANEOUS

Election of PC Officers- 10/16/07- Mike Fielek as Chair, Rex LaMore as Vice Chair and Gerald Eidt as Secretary

Harmony Gmazel provided information on a Tri-County Urban Service Management Study. The goal is to establish visions and goals, and setting new policy to achieve those goals. Looking at process, district and boundary lines, collaboration among members, sustaining a binding trust, empowerment created by constructive involvement of many communities. 09/15/09

Wetland Resolution – 8/18/09 Opposing the repeal of Michigan’s Wetland Protection Act

Brick Industry Presentation- 8/18/09 Scott Miller provided information as to benefits of brick. Brought forward suggested language for Mixed Use, Commercial, PUD and Green Zone. Planning Commission will look at suggested revisions during review of the appropriate articles.

CATA Presentation-Jim Froehlich, Aaron Borton and Joe Manzella from CATA presented an overview of CATA operations and goals that effect the residents of the Township.

Resolution of Support for Grand River Green Zone Competition 12/15/09

Sustainable Development: Presentation by Chris Doozan 3/16/2010

Tri-County Planning Commission- The first phase of the Greening Mid Michigan project is the Potential Conservation Area (PCA) report, completed in 2008 by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory. Phase II of this project has just been completed. The newest report, “Significant Natural Features in the Tri-County Region: Providing Ecological Information for a Green Infrastructure Plan,” is intended to serve as a resource for community planning and water resource protection.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

•**Article 1 & Article 2. Public Hearing 5/19/09 for recommended revisions. Board Approval: 1/12/2010**

Article 1: Definitions & Article 2: General provisions

2.03-Accessory Bldgs and Structures

2.09-Yard and Bulk Regulations

2.16-Exceptions(to incorporate wind energy specifications)

2.06-Home Occupations & Home-Based businesses

2.13-Sand, Gravel, and Mineral Extraction

2.22-Reception Antenna Facilities

Articles 3-7. Public Hearing 2/16/10 for recommended revisions. Sent to Board 3/16/10

Article 3: Non-conformities

Article 4: Loading Space Requirements

Article 5: Landscaping and Screening

Article 6: Walls and Fences

Article 7: Signs

ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

Howard & Mariam Horstman, 6479 N. Williamston Rd, Williamston, MI 48895

Request for a variance from Section 26, Front Setback to construct a 10x30 front porch. Variance Granted 08/25/09.

Henry Meyer, 6374 Foster Rd., Haslett, MI 48840

Request for a variance from Section 6.02, fence height in front setback & Section 2.03, Accessory Building size.

Variance Denied 3/03/10.

2009 REAL ESTATE SALES DATA

**Arm-Length Residential
sales- average sales price of \$201,062**

TOWNSHIP BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED				
	2009	2008	2007	2006
Residential	3	3	8	3
Addition/Remodel	13	14	21	26
Accessory Building	8	11	15	14
Deck/Porch	6	7	6	12
Commercial/Institutional	0	1	0	1
Swimming Pool	1	1	3	4
Demolition	0	3	3	0
Re-Roof	36	29	43	23
Fill/Grade	1	5	2	
Sign	0	0	3	
Total	68	74	104	83

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Upcoming Events



Friday, May 7, 6:30pm-9:00pm
Saturday, May 8, 10:00am-5:00pm

FINE ART SALE & STUDIO TOUR

Local Artists have come together to open their studios and raise money for playground equipment at the Township Hall by donating a portion of their sales! Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased during the tour at participating studios, Branch School, Township Hall & Burgdorf's Winery.

Follow the tour signs, enjoy fine art and support local artist!

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Thursday June 3rd, 6:30 Williamstown Township Hall

The Ingham County Sheriff's Department will be sharing with interested residents how to create a Neighborhood Watch for your neighborhood. Mark your calendar and check the website for more information!

Garage Sale & Recycling May 15th 9-3

There will be a Township "Yard Sale" the second Saturday of the month from June through October, 9am-3pm during recycle at the Williamstown Township Hall.

All residents are welcome to bring items for sale, or just come and SHOP.

Picnic tables under the pavilion are available for use on a first come, first serve basis if the pavilion has not been reserved for a function, or you can bring and set up your own tables.

For more information, please contact Township volunteer, Carolyn Schein, at 655-1339.