

2017 – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

(April 2017 – March, 2018)

Planning Commission Members: Gerald Eidt, (chair), Rex LaMore (vice-chair), Joscelyn Brown-Timm (secretary), Commissioners Annette Davis, Dali Giese, Phil Korson, Toby Weston, Rob Stanford (vice-chair), Jim Flore and Trustee Janet Eyster.

Staff: Chris Doozan and Mike Deem, McKenna Associates and Jim Howard

Meetings

Approved change to meeting schedule; meetings moved to 4th Wednesday, every other month; changed meeting time to 7:00pm at March, 2018 meeting

Rezoning

Recommended approval of Baan.Gan.Aka revisions to Township Board; Board approved 10/11/17

Subdivision Plat

Brookstone Estates: Recommended approval of Tentative Preliminary Plat to Township Board at 8/30/17 meeting; Township Board approved at September 13, 2017 meeting.

Zoning Ordinance

- Established a Telecom Ordinance Review Committee at May meeting which recommended revisions; public hearing held November 9, 2017, recommended approval by Township Board with minor revisions
- Review of sample Solar Farms Ordinance amendment at November meeting; Public Hearing held at January 24, 2018 meeting;
- Review of sample ordinance language for “Small Wine Makers/Hard Cider Producers/Small Distillers” Amendment at January meeting; Public Hearing held at 3/28/18 meeting; recommended approval by Township Board with minor changes at 3/28/18 meeting

Other Ordinances

- Recommended approval of Fireworks Ordinance, with changes, to Township Board at May 24, 2017 meeting; Board approved at June 14, 2017 meeting

Elections Committee & Related

- Slate of Jerry Eidt as Chair, Rob Stanford as Vice Chair and Joscelyn Brown-Timm as Secretary approved unanimously at November, 2017 meeting
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Commissioner Phil Korson
- New Commissioner Jim Flore joined the PC at its March, 2018 meeting

Misc.

A Meridian Township Master Plan Review Committee was formed at the March, 2017 meeting, and a positive review letter was sent in May. Correspondence received for the January, 2018 meeting that their Master Plan was approved.

The 2016-2017 Annual Report was accepted at the May meeting and forwarded to the Township Board.

A review of the Master Plan was initiated at the January 24, 2018 meeting, with a committee established at the March 28, 2018 meeting to make a recommendation back to the PC.

ZBA Meetings

There were 3 ZBA meetings during the April, 2017 – March, 2018 period: 2190 Haslett (Fewer), 4175 Vanneter (Ward), 181 Haslett (Barkham).

Land Divisions

There were 5 splits and 1 combination of parcels during 2017

Building Permits – New Homes

15 permits issued for new home construction during the fiscal year (7 finalized).