

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

In compliance with Michigan Planning legislation the following report on Planning Commission activities for the 2020 calendar year has been prepared for the Township Supervisor and Board members. This is a summary relating to the productive results of 11 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	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Shana Bush (Vice Chair)				9/10	12/12	12/2021	
Frank Fiala, (Secretary)	13/13	13/13	17/17	10/10	12/12	12/2022	
Rich Beukema	13/13	13/13	17/17	10/10	12/12	12/2023	
Shanon VandenBerg		12/13	15/17	8/10	6/12		
Patrick Jansens (ZBA Rep) (resigned)			8/17	9/10	7/12		
Karen Kennedy				5/10	12/12	12/2022	
Cathy Strickland (resigned)	12/13	13/13	17/17	9/10			
John Frigmanski (PC REP TO ZBA)					1/1	12/2021	
Larry Knowles (BOT TO PC)					0/1	12/2023	

SYNOPSIS OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked on many Special Exception Use cases
- Covid 19 caused many virtual meeting which delayed public hearings for pickle ball, gravel mining public hearings, non-conforming uses and structures and home occupation ordinances.

THE FOLLOWING PERMIT NUMBERS ARE
PROVIDED BY THE ZA

RESIDENTIAL SITE PLAN REVIEWS (Zoning Administrator)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
TOTAL	109	95	91	105	112
-New Homes	47	37	33	29	27
-Accessory Buildings	29	27	14	23	24
-Additions	21	20	15	11	
-Detached Garages			12	5	
-Other	2	10	18	37	
Residential Alterations					33
Mobile Homes (in park)					7

COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN REVIEWS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
4	4	0	3	1

REZONING REQUESTS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1	1	1	1	1

SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUESTS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
13	7	7	5	13

SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, SPLITS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1	2	2	1	3(10)

TEMPORARY CHARITABLE PERMITS/SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1	1	2	3	0

SIGN PERMITS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
4	3	0	2	1

POPULATION CHANGES

2015 (est.)	4065
2016 (est.)	4065
2017 (est.)	4065
2018 (est.)	4065
2019 (est.)	4065
2020 (est.)	4065

Rebecca Harvey, AICP

Services rendered included General Planning, Consultation and Assistance.

Billing for Services:

2016	\$ 6,687.50
2017	\$ 6,200.00
2018	\$ 5,950.00
2019	\$ 4,950.00
2020	\$ 6,700.00 without December of 2020

EDUCATIONAL CLASS PARTICIPATION

Rich Beukema	None
Frank Fiala	MSU Master Citizen Planner Annual meeting June 4, 2020 via ZOOM. Michigan Assoc. of Planning annual education seminar December 12, 2020 6 CEU's via Zoom.
Shana Bush	None
Cathy Strickland	None
Karen Kennedy	None
Shane Vandenberg	None
Larry Knowles	Master Planner CEU's

PLANNING COMMISSION STRATEGIES 2021

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. Encourage Master Citizen Planner Accreditation
2. Promote the Non-Motorized Trail in conjunction with the Pure Michigan M – 179 Planning Group, MDOT and others.
3. Work with BlueZones committee for non-motorized trails, assist in creating a county wide 5 year plan.
4. 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

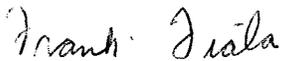
PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK PLAN 2021

1. Discuss, review, and implement a new ordinance for gravel mining, etc.
2. Amendment to Non-Conforming Structures & Uses
3. Timely preparation of Capital Improvement Plan Review
4. Private road standards & Zoning districts
5. Gun Lake over use & funneling
6. Lake side set back 25 feet averaging formula
7. Short Term Rentals & nuisance ordinance
8. Look at Solar and Wind energy standards
9. Review M-179 CN Corridor-Plan especially landscaping & side apron requirements



Date 2/2/21

Shana Bush, Vice Chairman



Date 1/27/21

Frank Fiala, Secretary