

2017 PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Planning Commission Activities and Requests

The Planning Commission had a busy year. Each meeting throughout the year was related in some way to the proposed mixed use overlay district or the short term rental discussion. The Planning Commission completed the following activities and requests in 2017:

- Made recommendations for a future design for the Silver Creek Recreation Area
- Completed work on *Ordinance 62, Animal Control*
- Completed work on *Ordinance 66, Noise*
- Completed draft work on *Ordinance 65, Fireworks*
- Spent a considerable amount of time in relation to short term rentals, and prepared a set of draft definitions for consideration
- Reviewed and completed work on language for a proposed mixed use overlay district
- Reviewed and approved a rezoning request for the proposed casino project
- Reviewed and approved a contractor yard conditional use permit
- Reviewed and approved a conditional use permit for a day care / preschool
- Reviewed and approved site plans for the proposed casino project
- Discussed the necessity of rewriting the *Zoning Ordinance*
- Approved a National Flood Insurance Community Rating System project
- Reviewed and approved the site plan and conditional use permit for a proposed campground
- Reviewed and approved the site plan for proposed storage units
- Reviewed and approved a checklist for conditional use permits

Planning Director Activities

In the early part of 2017, Molly Wetters, an intern from Northern Michigan University, assisted the Planning Director in establishing a document and web presence branding for the Township. The Planning Director has adopted this format for the primary documents for the Township. She also established the base outline for a recreation brochure that will be further developed in 2018.

Later in the year, Joe Lawry assisted the Planning Director, and developed two sets of interactive documents (an interactive history of the Township, and an interactive recreation directory) for the Township website



In addition to preparing Planning Commission packets, the Planning Director:

- Attended training sessions on wind energy, the 21st Century Infrastructure Report, marijuana statutes, job development for local communities, training of youth in career technical education, climate adaptation, broadband, disaster planning and entrepreneurship in the County
- Participated in a week-long FEMA training session related to flood plain management
- Attended the Small Town and Rural Development Conference

