

2020 PC Annual Meeting Report

A significant amount of the PC's time in 2019 was spent updating the Zoning Ordinance to ensure it was compatible with the recent update of the Master Plan. In early December, the PC completed their review and unanimously voted to move the Ordinance onto the Township Board for their consideration with regard to approval. The Board approved the revision in February 2020.

A goal of 2019, and in fact a goal every year, is to avoid litigation. The PC is proud to report they were successful in 2019. Avoidance of litigation is a goal because it reflects a willingness of the PC to work with its residents to resolve issues without spending the Township's limited resources on attorney fees and other court costs.

2019 Overview:

- Membership: Lindy Kellogg replaced Cindy Landers in April of this year.
- Limited meetings were held in the winter due to weather (first meeting was April 1st).
- Met 8 times through the year.
- Primary focus was updating the Zoning Ordinance.
- Concluded the "Ugly Tomato" was a "Use by Right" in June; thus no need for a SPR.
- Also in June, discussed and agreed upon annual training requirement for PC members.
- In August the PC reviewed the Master Plan; which is required every 5 years by the State of Michigan. The consensus was to accept the existing plan without commissioning a full review.
- In October the PC held a Public Hearing on the ZO Update. Two citizens were in attendance, no comments from them were received.
- In November the County PC commented on the proposed ZO revision – no major input.
- Later in November the PC continued their review of the ZO considering County PC as well as Township legal input.
- A special meeting was held 12/2/19 to complete the consideration of the Township legal review. The PC approved a motion to forward the revised ZO onto the Township Board for their consideration and possible approval.

Goals for 2020:

- Review PC Bylaws
- Develop a draft septic ordinance
- Support Workforce Housing
- Create Residential Windmill Ordinance
- Collaborate with Board to develop Capital Improvement Plan
- Inventory Special Uses (wineries, resorts, campgrounds, event venues, etc.)
- Stay informed of potential development at Sugarloaf as it affects the properties and citizens of Centerville Township
- Encourage improved broadband internet access in the township
- Avoid Litigation