

2020 -2021 PC Annual Meeting Report

The fruits of our labor were rewarded with the formal Adoption, on 2/23/20, by the Township Board, of the updated Zoning Ordinance. The PC only met 5 times in 2020. This was primarily the result of restrictions imposed by the State of Michigan as a result of the COVID19 pandemic.

A goal of 2020, and in fact a goal every year, is to avoid litigation. The PC is proud to report they were successful in 2020. 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.

2020 Overview:

- Membership remained unchanged from 2019.
- Limited meetings were held due to COVID19.
- Met 5 times through the year, twice in person (January & February), 3 times virtually (May, June & July).
- Held our Organizational meeting 1/27/20. Members were sworn in by the Supervisor who also offered direction for 2020 including research into drafting a septage ordinance for the Board's consideration. Officers remained unchanged.
- Updated our By-Laws which were last updated in 2016.
- Reviewed and approved a Site Plan for the remodeling of the Bel Lago Winery tasting room.
- Held a Public Hearing, reviewed and approved a Special Use Permit for the creation of a tasting room at French Valley Vineyards.
- At our last 2020 meeting in July, the PC approved a motion to forward the draft Septage Ordinance onto the Township Board for their consideration and possible approval.
- Decided at the July meeting to not pursue a residential windmill ordinance and that the remainder of our goals were supportive and not actionable. Dan Hubbell notified the Board of our decision and willingness to consider any other activities as directed by the Board.

2021 Overview:

- Met in January. The Township Supervisor attended the virtual meeting and we discussed PC goals, educational objectives and Board priorities.
- Met in March and discussed the need for a Solar Array Ordinance. Reviewed three other local ordinances. Considering the lack of infrastructure in the Township for a large commercial solar development, potential State regulation of solar systems and a desire to encourage renewable energy, the PC determined there was not a current need for a Solar Energy Ordinance.
- Given the ongoing Pandemic and our 2021 Goals, the PC decided to not meet again until June 2021.

Goals for 2021:

- Investigate the need for Solar Array Ordinance
- Investigate the need for Short Term Rental Regulation
- Review the adequacy of current noise regulations
- Inventory Special Uses (wineries, resorts, campgrounds, event venues, etc.) and sensitive or important land areas in the Township.
- Collaborate with Board to develop Capital Improvement Plan
- Support Workforce Housing
- 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