

Milton Township

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Planning Commission Members

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Annual Report to the Board of Trustees

Township Fiscal Year **2013-2014** (4/1/2013-3/31/2014)

Over the past fiscal year, the Planning Commission has diligently worked on auditing and updating the current Zoning Ordinances for Milton Township. The draft of the Zoning Ordinance is in the final form and should be ready for public input by summer.

In addition, the Planning Commission has completed the following specific actions:

1. Held 4 Public Hearings
 - a. Regarding amending Article VIII, Industrial Zoning District, Sections 8.01 and 8.02; Amending Article XIV, Sections 14.02 and 14.03 to remove the requirement that the Township Board of Trustees have the final authority to approve or deny Conditional Use Applications; and amending Article XIX, Schedule of Uses.
 - b. Rezoning of Gumwood Road parcels from Rural Residential (RR) to Single Family Residential (SFR).
 - c. Application for Rezoning of Fir Road parcel from Agricultural Production to Rural Residential.
 - d. Application for Rezoning of Beebe Road parcel from Agricultural Production to Rural Residential.
2. Submitted 4 Zoning Text Amendments recommended to the Board of Trustees.
 - a. Article VIII, Industrial Zoning District, Section 8.01 and 8.02.
 - b. Article XIV, Sections 14.02 and 14.03 to remove the requirement that the Township Board of Trustees have the final authority to approve or deny Conditional Use Applications.
 - c. Article XIX, Schedule of Uses.
 - d. Milton Township Subdivision Development Ordinance.
3. Held a joint session with the Board of Trustees regarding Milton Township Parks Plan.

4. Additions to the Planning Commission:
 - a. Karen Shirk (October, 2013 until June 30, 2016)
 - b. Ron Jureziz (November 2013 until June 30, 2014)
5. Reviewed the following Site Plans:
 - a. Bethel Tabernacle Church on Ironwood.
 - b. Enbridge Plan for Valve Site.
 - c. Adams Road Development II Corporation to unload fill dirt at Gumwood Road parcels.
6. Training Opportunities utilized
 - a. Master Planning Training in Cass County (Sept-Oct. 2013) by all commissioners with a portion funded via grant opportunities
 - b. Farmland and Rural Character Preservation Training workshop (7/29/13)
 - c. Master Citizen Planner presentation by Karen Shirk and Ron Jureziz.
7. Planning Commission Bylaw Amendments/ Additions
 - a. Amended the Planning Commission Bylaws to have selection of officers at first regular meeting in January
 - b. Adopted the Planning Commission for Milton Township Code of Conduct
8. Appointed 3 commissioners to a Milton Township Parks plan focus group
9. Continued development of a 3 year Road Work Plan
10. Issues to be addressed in the next year
 - a. Public Input on draft Zoning Ordinance
 - b. Maintenance of Rural Character
 - c. Development of strategies for Farmland Preservation
 - d. Future Land Use

The Planning Commission would like to thank Sandra Redman and Diane Shields for their past service. As a longtime resident Milton Township, it has been my pleasure to serve as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission helping to shape the future of the place we call home. The Planning Commission is focused on maintaining and enhancing the unique qualities of Milton Township and ensuring they can be enjoyed by current and future residents.

Respectively submitted,



Karen Shirk
Vice Chair