



# Milton Township

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## Planning Commission Members

Jeremy Clanton, Ken Filipek, Roger Kempton, Scott Kretchman, Paul Romanetz, Karen Shirk, Kelly Sweeney

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## Annual Report to the Board of Trustees

Township Fiscal Year 2017-2018 (4/1/2017-3/31/2018)

Over the past fiscal year, the Planning Commission has continued to monitor the newly adopted Zoning Ordinance and make any needed adjustments to the document. The Planning Commission has also undertaken a review of the Master Plan and future land use. The Master Plan document helps to shape the future of the Milton community.

In addition, the Planning Commission has completed the following specific actions for the Zoning Ordinance adjustments:

1. Held 3 Public Hearings
  - a. A public hearing on amending the Zoning Ordinance on Enforcement was held on May 3, 2017.
  - b. A public hearing on amending the Zoning Ordinance on Private Roads was held on May 3, 2017.
  - c. A public hearing on amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding a setback requirement for accessory buildings under 960 square feet was held on October 3, 2017.

These amendments have all been approved by the Board of Trustees and have been added to the Zoning Ordinance document.

In addition, the Planning Commission has completed the following specific actions for the Master Plan review:

1. Held a community opinion Open House on September, 9, 2017 on topics of Master Plan, future land use, and medical marijuana.

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

1. Sought input from the public on the issue of medical marijuana and voted against a recommendation of medical marijuana zoning in Milton Township at this time.
3. Recommended Paul Romanetz as the Planning Commission representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

4. Training Opportunities Being Utilized
  - a. Paul Romanetz completed Master Planning Training.
  - b. Karen Shirk and Zoning Administrator attended MTA Future Land Use seminar.
5. Approved 1 special land use for an accessory building.
6. Continued progress on a 3 year Road Work Plan

Issues to be addressed in the next year

- a. Complete Master Plan audit
- b. Future Land Use
- c. Maintenance of Rural Character
- d. Complete a natural features/resources audit
- e. Development of strategies for Farmland Preservation

Milton Township is a wonderful community. As a born and raised resident and Chair of the Planning Commission, I am proud to have the opportunity to help maintain the unique rural character of Milton Township for the citizens: past, present, and future.

Respectively submitted,



Karen Shirk  
Chair