

# Milton Township

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## Annual Report to the Board of Trustees

Township Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (4/1/2012-3/31/2013)

The Planning Commission is extremely proud to announce that the Master Plan has now been updated. Through the year we have been working on several of the Zoning Ordinances, completed a Zoning Ordinance Audit and have begun the process of developing a new set of Zoning Ordinances to correspond with the newly adopted Master Plan. The Planning Commission is using our current Zoning Ordinance and the LSL “Draft” Zoning Ordinance to develop this updated Zoning Ordinance Book.

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

1. Held 6 Public Hearings
  - a. Master Plan
  - b. Amend Article 13 to include section 13.26 Garage, Barn and Yard Sales
  - c. Conditional Use Application for Verizon Wireless to co-locate on an existing tower
  - d. Ordinance Article 1, Section 1.12. Definitions for “Principal Building” and “Principle Use.”
  - e. Ordinance Article 1, Section 1.11B. Removed/deleted the section “words used in the present tense shall include the future.”
  - f. New section 16.11 to Article XVI. “Zoning Compliance Permits” clarifies the current Township process and requirement for Zoning Compliance Applications, Permits, and Conformity to Approved zoning Compliance Permits.
2. Submitted Zoning Text Amendments recommended to the Board of Trustees
  - a. Ordinance Article 1, Section 1.12. Definitions for “Principal Building” and “Principle Use.”
3. Evaluated 1 Conditional Use/Special Use Applications(VerizonWireless Colocation)
4. Additions to the Planning Commission
  - a. Kara Boyles (until June 30, 2015)
  - b. Jeremy Clanton (until June 30, 2015)
5. Training Opportunities Utilized
  - a. Michigan Land Division Act/Law – Procedures and Implications for Planning
  - b. Wireless Communication Towers – New Michigan and Federal Law Impacts
6. Site Plan Reviews:
  - a. Enbridge Pumping Station (Pipeline Safety Act, Pre-emption to Local Zoning)
  - b. Conrad Road- Boarding/Riding Stable (Mich Dept of Ag/RTFA Review)

7. Developed a Sub-Committee to merge the current Zoning Ordinance and the proposed LSL Ordinance version 3 to a new Milton Township Zoning Ordinance that works more closely with the current Master Plan.
8. Developed a Milton Township Master Plan- Goal/Objectives Tracker
9. Issues to be addressed in the next year
  - a. Zoning Ordinance Update
  - b. Continued Master Plan implementation
  - c. Home Occupations-Home based business Ordinance
  - d. Site Condominium Ordinance
  - e. Subdivision Ordinance
  - f. Lot Line Adjustment and Parcel Combination Ordinance
  - g. Election Period Sign Ordinance
  - h. Conditional Rezoning Ordinance
  - i. Updates and improvements to article 17 ZBA procedures.
  - j. Changing Conditional uses to align better with the “Special Use” approach as described in the MZEA (2006) MPEA (2008)
  - k. Land Division Ordinance Update

Kelly Sweeney comments that it has been his pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the Planning Commission up until November 2012 and his election to Board of Trustees. Richard Hebard comments that he is also pleased to serve as the Chairman of the Planning Commission. Both of us would also like to personally thank Paul Sniadecki for his help, commitment and knowledge that he has provided to the Planning Commission this past fiscal year. We look forward to his continued involvement and commitment. The Planning Commission is focused on making Milton Township an enjoyable place to work and live for all of our residents. In addition, the Planning Commission will need to appropriately manage the growth in the township, which was a 46.5% increase as documented by the 2010 Census data.

Respectively submitted,

Kelly Sweeney, Chairman (until Nov 2012) and Richard Hebard , Chairman (Current Chairman)

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## **Planning Commission**

### **Members:**

**Jeremy Clanton, Richard Hebard, Ron Jureziz, Sandra Redman, Diane Shields, Kelly Sweeney and Kara Boyles**

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