



CITY OF HARRISVILLE



PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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MEMBERSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER	TERM EXPIRATION
MIKE BAIRD	EX OFFICIO
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MAEL FRITZ**	DECEMBER 2021
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MEETINGS

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission met on January 4, April 4, August 1 and October 3, 2018 for regular quarterly meetings. This meets the requirements of the MFPA. In addition, the commission held three work sessions on March 7, June 6, and September 5, 2018.

During our meetings we met with Steve Schnell from NEMCOG and discussed a new implementation strategy. The strategy was sent to City Council with a recommendation that it be sent to adjoining stakeholders for review. A public hearing will be held subsequent to that review and then the updated Master Plan sent to City Council for adoption.

We also looked at some updates to the Zoning Ordinance. New language will be added concerning parking lots, green belts in and around parking lots, and domestic

and exotic animals. This is part of a complete update to the Zoning ordinance that will need to be adopted in 2019.

MASTER PLAN REVIEW

- Review the goals and recommendations of the plan and indicate progress, include goals of the commission that may not be included in the master plan.
- Include the action plan and indicate progress, actions completed, and next year's priorities.
- Identify any potential plan amendments to work on for the upcoming year that can be prepared and adopted and then incorporated later.
- Use master plan update review table to decide whether the plan needs to be amended.

We have worked on the implementation strategy which still needs to be added to the Master Plan as well as examining a Capital Improvement Plan. Neither have been adopted as of today.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Below is a summary of zoning ordinance actions done throughout the year:

Zoning Amendments

- Section A-D Article 1 - Planning commission recommended city council adopt an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance concerning noxious vegetation. City Council adopted the ordinance (2017-07) at its meeting on December 11, 2017.

Rezoning Requests

- There were no zoning requests for rezoning in 2017

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

Development Reviews

- There were no development reviews in 2018
- Planning commission expects that Habitat for Humanity will come to the planning commission regarding development of property donated to Habitat along US 23 on northern edge of the city.
- We have not had any further requests from Mr. Pender regarding his proposed development.

VARIANCES

City of Harrisville did not receive any requests for variances in 2018

ACTIONS BY LEGISLATIVE BODY

ZONING MAP CHANGES

TRAININGS ATTENDED

Although no training has been scheduled at this time, the link below has the potential to provide a variety of different sessions. In addition, the Commission plans to ask Denise Cline to provide training on the roles of the Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, and Zoning Board of Appeals sometime this year.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/master_citizen_planner_webinar_recordings_2

The Chairperson attended a training about how Planning Commissions work sponsored by AuSable Township entitled Planning and Zoning Essentials.

