



Lenawee County Planning Commission

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2018 LCPC Annual Report

Section 19(2) of the *Michigan Planning Enabling Act* (PA 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3819(2)) states that “[a] planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development. Section 103(B) of the *Lenawee County Planning Commission Bylaws* also includes the preparation of an annual report to the County Board as a duty of the Commission. Accordingly, the report for 2018 follows:

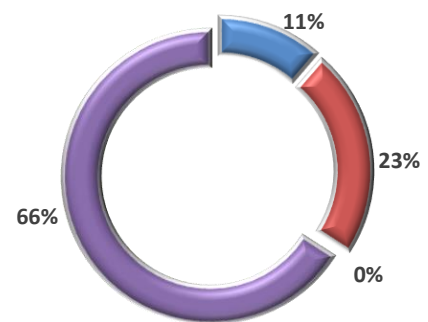
1. **2018 LCPC Membership & Officers.** The Lenawee County Planning Commission (LCPC) is comprised of seven (7) members. Ms. Karol “KZ” Bolton and Mr. Ralph Tillotson represented the County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Robert Behnke was the education representative. Mr. Keith Dersham, Ms. Becky Liedel, Mr. Bruce Nickel, and Mr. Dale Witt also served on the Commission. Ms. Liedel and Mr. Dersham served as the Chair and Secretary of the LCPC, respectively.
2. **2018 LCPC Accomplishments.** The Lenawee County Planning Commission accomplished a lot during 2018 including the following responsibilities:

- a. **Coordinated Zoning.** A primary responsibility of the Planning Commission is to review and recommend action on proposed amendments to township zoning ordinances.

The LCPC made recommendations regarding fifteen (15) proposed zoning amendments in 2018. Those requests came from the following townships: Cambridge (4), Rollin (3), Franklin (2), Macon (2), Woodstock (2), Madison (1), and Raisin (1).

Rezoning accounted for 33% (5) of the zoning amendment requests. Text amendments accounted for 67% (10) of the zoning amendment requests which covered the following issues: solar energy (4); accessory or secondary dwelling units (2); open air business uses (1); medical marijuana (1); the voiding of special land uses (1); and the temporary occupancy of mobile homes, motor homes, or travel trailers during the construction of a new permanent dwelling (1).

Total 2018 LCPC Cases



- Rezoning (Map Amendments) (5)
- Text Amendments (10)
- Master Plans (0)
- PA 116 Agreements (29)

- b. **Coordinated Planning.** A primary responsibility of the Commission is to review and provide feedback on proposed municipal (i.e., city, village and township) master plans within and adjacent to Lenawee County as well as master plans proposed by surrounding counties. The LCPC did not receive any master plans in 2018.
 - c. **Farmland Agreements.** A primary responsibility of the County Planning Commission is to review and make recommendations regarding Farmland and Open Space Preservation (i.e., PA 116) applications to a Township Board or the County Board of Commissioners (whichever is pertinent). The LCPC made recommendations on twenty-nine (29) applications regarding the preservation of farmland and open space in 2018 from the following townships: Rome (12), Madison (5), Riga (4), Franklin (2), Blissfield (1), Fairfield (1), Macon (1), Ogden (1), Raisin (1), and Seneca (1).
 - d. **LCPC Annual Dinner.** The 43rd Annual Lenawee County Planning Commission Dinner was held at the Lenawee County Club on June 21, 2018. Over forty (40) people attended the event. Steve May, Executive Director of the River Raisin Watershed Council, made a presentation on western Lake Erie basin algal blooms as well as the current programs and activities currently underway at the Watershed Council. Dan Swallow, Tecumseh City Manager, made a presentation on the ‘missing middle’ of housing and the steps Tecumseh is taking to attract development of housing types other than single-family homes and apartment complexes.
 - e. **Education and Advocacy.** The Commission will continue to maintain a webpage—located on www.region2planning.com/lenawee-county-planning-commission—regarding the County Planning Commission for the use of its members and the municipalities they serve.
3. **LCPC Meetings.** The County Planning Commission generally meets on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Committee Room of the Old Courthouse.

*Submitted on the behalf of the Lenawee County Planning Commission
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