



Wexford Joint Planning Commission

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February 2019 Staff Report

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting is scheduled for our regular meeting on **February 25, 2019** at 6:30 pm. The notice / invitation along with a copy of the budget and letter was mailed out to ALL participating municipality board members immediately after the scheduled January 28, 2019 WJPC meeting (that was ultimately **CANCELED** because of severe weather).

Master Plan:

After continuing consultation with the planner it is recommended to temporarily suspend any initiative towards master planning until such time as the more immediate concerns surrounding the zoning ordinance amendment process can be resolved.

Training:

Action Item

Request that staff be authorized to expend any budgeted funds in the training (Acct.#251.721.960.00) on behalf of staff and / or the WJPC membership. Most training opportunities require time sensitive enrollment.

Note: With the pending procedural issues related to amending the zoning ordinance in any fashion - and, with the recommendation to suspend master planning until such time as we can re-align the appropriate processes that best serve the WJPC and their participating municipalities - **staff believes that adequate funding exists in the budget to re-direct our energies towards serving the more immediate planning and zoning needs of the participating municipalities.**

Legal Update: (re: ordinance amendment process)

Enclosed with this staff report is a copy of a memo dated February 1, 2019 authored by Catherine Kaufman with the Baukham / Sparks legal firm. Please be familiar with the contents as this will be discussed by the WJPC attorney Richard Wilson of Mika Meyers and planner Chris Grobbel.

Staff continues to believe that there is clearly a consensus of the WJPC and the participating municipalities that this process is not working well or likely to adequately meet member Townships' needs going forward. The **'reality'** of this situation seems to steer us towards not only the continuation of joint planning but also towards the individual zoning desires of each participating municipality.

Land Use Permit Activity:

LUP5	2212-20-1201	Simmer, Kelly	Ag. Bldg.	RR	SLA	Ag. Building
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Very truly yours,

Robert (Bob) Hall
Planning and Zoning Administrator