

ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET PRESENTATION – 2022

WEXFORD JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION

THE PAST YEAR

Planning our Future

The **WJPC** – (not in any particular order)

- Approved a 'change' of use and two new buildings (as special uses) in Hanover Township for North American Cleaning Services.
- Received a \$1200 grant from the Michigan Townships Participating Plan for training
- Facilitated the withdrawal of Greenwood Township
- Amended the zoning ordinance to permit certain staff reviews of Commercial site plans
- Completed Master Plan review

THE MASTER PLAN HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE NOTICE GROUP AS REQUIRED FOR A 63 – DAY COMMENT PERIOD. A PUBLIC HEARING IS PLANNED FOR THE JUNE 26TH MEETING OF THE WEXFORD JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION.

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** conducted 4 public hearings during the past fiscal year regarding dimensional variances. Three were granted and one was denied.

NEW: Zoning Board of Appeals - TRAINING

The WJPC remains committed to working within the original \$50,000 shared investment of each participating municipality.

The 2023-2024 budget proposes to maintain the 'status-quo' by continuing to focus on conservative spending and careful analysis of creating Planning and Zoning value for our communities

The Wexford Joint Planning Commission is studying the feasibility of an investment in a web based permitting program within the first quarter of our next fiscal year.

Thank you to the:



The Wexford **Joint** Planning Commission works very hard on behalf of ALL of the participating municipalities. Our hope is that we're doing your will – but we realize it's a difficult trail to blaze without solidarity among all of the stakeholders – YOU! '**Planning**' is the recommendation for the development of the community (for land use, zoning, infrastructure, economy, housing, and so on) and for the coordination with others. Our success depends on active participation by all of the participating municipalities.

It is sometimes difficult to visualize how the participation process works. Understanding our unique **Roles and Responsibilities** and how to use various methods of **Communication** as it relates to planning and zoning requires more than just a scant inclination based upon minimal practical experience. Most of you (believe it or not) have were under zoning since October of 1968, when the Wexford County Rural Interim Zoning Ordinance became effective.

Now – you have a much greater stake in being a part of your future community development – **JOIN US on May 22nd at 6:30 pm**

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



The Wexford Joint Planning Commission has invited Michigan State University Extension to present specific training focusing on the Roles and Responsibilities for both appointed and elected officials in matters related to Planning and Zoning.

Being a part of the largest '**joint**' Planning Commission in the State of Michigan should not be taken lightly – we have the opportunity to collaborate together on behalf of almost 13,000 (*thirteen thousand*) residents and property owners in our community.

Join Us as we explore new ways to communicate and collaborate during the continual planning process – discover how you can get off the sidelines and be a part of the process that will lead to progress!

The WJPC will begin their regular meeting at 6:00 pm on **May 22nd** – please be mindful that a meeting will be in progress as you enter the room - **training will begin immediately afterwards at about 6:30 pm**



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