

2019
Annual Report
for
City of East Tawas
Planning Commission



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Planning Commission Members

Term Expiration

Joe Timreck, Planning Commissioner, Chairman	12/31/20
Mark Eklund, Planning Commissioner, Vice Chairman	12/31/19
Tari Hackborn, Planning Commissioner	12/31/20
John Herrick, Planning Commissioner	12/31/21
Kristina Millard, Planning Commissioner	12/31/21
Dave Olpere, Planning Commissioner	12/31/19
Kalla Scott, Planning Commissioner	12/31/21
Mike Mooney, Council Representative	12/31/20
Brent Barringer, City Manager	City hired employee
Stephanie Loew, Zoning Administrator	City hired employee

2019 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the East Tawas City Hall.

January 14th- Cancelled

February 11th

March 11th -Cancelled

April 8th

May 13th- Cancelled

June 10th

July 8th- Cancelled

August 12th

September 9th

October 15th

November 11th

December 9th

Purpose of the Annual Report

In accordance with Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, the City of East Tawas Planning Commission provides a written report to the legislative body on an annual basis. This report reflects the Planning Commission's operations and the status of development activities. The purpose of this annual report is to communicate to the governing body and the citizens of the City of East Tawas the activities of the Planning Commission, and the status of planning within the City.

What is Zoning?

Zoning is the public regulation of land use; it is the division of a community into districts or zones and the establishment of regulations governing the use, placement, spacing and size of land and buildings. The regulations are found in the text of the East Tawas Zoning Ordinance and the accompanying zoning map. The City of East Tawas adopts local zoning codes to enforce regulations to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens. The authority to adopt zoning is granted to local units of government through the state legislature via the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, set forth at MCL 125.3101, et. Seq.

Zoning is adopted and enforced to ensure that natural resources are protected, to prevent nuisances, to ensure land use compatibility, to prevent overcrowding and to prevent the overuse of land. Zoning codes adopted must also conserve property values and natural resources.

The Duties of the Zoning Administrator

The Zoning Administrator is responsible for receiving and reviewing all applications for zoning permits and approve or disapprove applications that do not require site plan review or sign review. They assist the City Council, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals in processing and administering all zoning appeals and variances, site plan reviews, special uses and planned unit development applications and amendments.

The Duties of the Planning Commissioner

The Planning Commission is responsible for the development and maintenance of the comprehensive plan (Master Plan). The Master Plan identifies the current zoning districts and the future zoning districts as well as the goals and vision for the community. In addition, the Planning Commission is the authority for approving special land uses, site plans, all Commercial land developments and provides recommendations to the legislative body on planning and zoning amendments and re-zoning requests. The Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month when there is business to conduct. Regular meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the East Tawas City Hall, located at 760 Newman Street, East Tawas, MI 48730 and begin at 7:00 p.m. Special meetings can be held at various times to accommodate

the request of an applicant. All meetings are open to the public and posted regularly on our City's website at www.easttawas.com.

Planning Commission Members

The City of East Tawas Planning Commission is made up of seven (7) members, serving three (3) year terms.

Name	Office	Phone
Joe Timreck	Chairman	989-254-3568
Mark Eklund	Commissioner	989-310-1600
John Herrick	Commissioner	989-362-3813
Tari Hackborn	Commissioner	989-450-8812
Kristina Millard	Commissioner	989-739-7000
Dave Olpere	Commissioner	989-305-6159
Kalla Scott	Commissioner	989-305-1386

One Council Representative, appointed by the Mayor attends meetings as a liaison to the City Council. Councilman Mike Mooney served the position this year.

Training of Planning Commissioners in 2019

Zoning Board of Appeals Members

The Board of Appeals is responsible for hearing appeals on administrative planning and zoning decisions and/ or Planning Commission decisions. They are the final board of appeal within the City. All meetings are public and are scheduled as needed. There was one Board of appeals meetings in 2018. Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals include:

Name	Office	Phone
Bill Deckett	Chair	989-362-6530
Keith Moir	Member	989-984-0232
Gary Stephan	Member	989-362-2295
George Reith Jr.	Member	989-362-4812
Mark Eklund	Member	989-310-1600

One Council Representative, appointed by the Mayor attends meetings as a liaison to the City Council. Councilman Craig McMurray served the position this year.

Joint Meetings of Planning Commission and City Council in 2019

Thursday, April 11, 2019 a Joint work session was held.

Development Reviews by Planning Commission in 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Review Type</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Approved or Denied</u>

Variances by Zoning Board of Appeals in 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Review Type</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Approved or Denied</u>
12/5/2019	Administrative Review	HCB- 301 Newman Street	Denied

Actions by Legislative Body in 2019

Zoning Amendments:

- Ordinance No. 351 Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance
- Ordinance No. 352 Amendments to section 44-73 (b) (2) and section 44—285 Home Occupation, removing medical marihuana.
- Ordinance No. 353 Adoption of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code.
- Ordinance No. 354 Amendment to section 44-360 (5) Electronic sign

Master Plan

The Master Plan is a general statement of the City’s goals and policies. It serves as an aid in daily decision making. The goals and policies outlined in the Master Plan guide the Planning Commission and City Council in their deliberations on zoning, subdivision, capital improvements and other matters relating to land use and development. The City of East Tawas Master Plan was updated in 2013. The Planning Commission completed a 5-year review of the Master Plan in 2018 and did not make any changes.

Community Vision

The City of East Tawas will continue to service our residents, businesses, and tourists with the goal of making East Tawas a great place to live, work and play while still maintaining East Tawas’s small-town charm.

Zoning Activity for 2019

Grass Violations	49
Junk Violation	3
Ordinance Violation	10
No permit violation	1
Civil Infractions	1

Deteriorated Structure	1
Building/Additions	32
Deck/Fence	32
Pool/Hot tub	0
Use Permit	7
Letter of Condemnation	0
Sign Permit/Temp banner	10
Raze Permit	3
Outdoor Display	4
Site Plan Review	0
Preliminary Plan Review	0
Variances	0
Right-of Way	3