



# GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Grand Traverse County Planning Commission is to enhance the quality of life in and around Grand Traverse County by being a reliable and objective planning source and partner.

## PURPOSE

Pursuant to Section 19(2) of Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, “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.”

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Peter Albers, *Chair*

Joe Lawrence, *Secretary*

Sarna Salzman, *Environmental Representative*

Robert Fudge

Sue Kelly, *TCAPS Representative*

Jeff Cockfield, *Vice Chair*

Ron Clous, *County Board Representative*

Phil Case

Bradley Matson

## ZONING AND MASTER PLAN REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>Community</b>	<b>Review Type</b>	<b>Number of Reviews</b>
Acme Township	Text/Map Amendment	5
Acme Township	PA 116 Farmland Agreement	1
Blair Township	Master Plan	1
Blair Township	Text/Map Amendment	2
East Bay Charter Township	Master Plan Amendment	1
East Bay Charter Township	Text/Map Amendment	9
Garfield Charter Township	Text/Map Amendment	2
Grant Township	Text/Map Amendment	1
Green Lake Township	Text/Map Amendment	1
Long Lake Township	Text/Map Amendment	4
Mayfield Township	Text/Map Amendment	1
Peninsula Township	Text/Map Amendment	2
Peninsula Township	PA 116 Farmland Agreement	1
Traverse City	Master Plan	1
Benzie County	Master Plan	<u>1</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

## MEETINGS

The County Planning Commission held 12 meetings in 2016 (11 regular meetings and 1 special meeting).

Name	1-19	2-16	3-15	3-22*	4-19	5-17	6-21	8-16	9-20	10-18	11-15	12-20	Meetings attended out of 12
<b>Albers</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<b>12</b>
<b>Case</b>	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	<b>10</b>
<b>Clous</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	<b>10</b>
<b>Cockfield</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	<b>11</b>
<b>Fudge</b>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	<b>12</b>
<b>Kelly</b>	E	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	<b>7</b>
<b>Lawrence</b>	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	<b>9</b>
<b>Matson</b>	E	E	E	A	E	A	P	P	P	P	A	A	<b>4</b>
<b>Salzman</b>	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	<b>9</b>

Key: P – Present E – Excused A – Absent  
 \* 3-22-16 Special Meeting for Blair Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment

## 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual Awards Banquet conducted by the Grand Traverse County Planning Commission and the Grand Traverse County Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association was held on November 3, 2016. The keynote speaker was Tom Menzel, Grand Traverse County Administrator, who presented on “The State of the County.”

Planning Consultant John Iacoangeli of Beckett Raeder received the Roger Williams Planner Award and Traverse City Planning Commissioner Jan Warren received the Frank Purvis Stewardship Award.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the East Bay Township Parks Commission (including Butch Strait, Steve Largent, Edie Gibbs, Mindy Walters, Susan Larose Grover, Jerri LeRoi, Shirley Zerafa); Dan Wagner, Long Lake Township Trustee; John Linnerson, Long Lake Township Trustee; Mark Humitz, Long Lake Township Planning Commissioner; Tim Lodge, Traverse City Engineer; and Nate Elkins, Planning Consultant to Traverse City.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Glen Lile, East Bay Township Supervisor, and Terry Clark, Garfield Township Planning Commissioner.

Placemaking Awards were presented to the Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge and Garland Street in the City of Traverse City. Outstanding Development Awards went to Cobblestone Farms in Mayfield Township and the Fife Lake Sewer Improvement Project.

## PRIORITIES FOR 2017

- Implement new streamlined zoning review policy to provide faster, easier process for townships and applicants
- Conduct training workshop for local planning commissioners and elected officials
- Develop and finalize concept for new County Master Plan in 2018
  - The current County Master Plan was adopted in 2013 and provided a new approach that built a better plan based on the direction from over 120 planning commissions from around the County. For the required five-year master plan review, there is an opportunity to advance this approach to include the priorities of businesses and non-profit organizations and incorporate those into a fully inclusive master plan for the County.
- Facilitate discussions with local planners and zoning administrators on “hot topic” land use issues

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