

ARTICLE 6
PLANNING COMMISSION

ZO-6.00.00 Creation (amd Ord 12-1)

The Bridgehampton Township Planning Commission shall perform all zoning board duties and exercise the powers as provided by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008 MCL 125.3801, et seq., and Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MZEA) P.A. 110 of 2006 , MCL 125.3101, et seq., as amended, and by the provisions of this Ordinance, to the end that the objectives of this Ordinance are observed, public safety, health, morals and general welfare secured and substantial justice done.

ZO-6.01.00 Membership

ZO-6.01.01 Seven Members (amd Ord 12-1)

The Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) qualified electors and property owners of the township, under the authority of and subject to the powers, duties, and limitations provided in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MZEA) P.A. 110 of 2006 as and further subject to the terms and conditions of the within resolution and any amendments thereto, which might hereafter be adopted.

ZO-6.01.01(a) The members of the township planning commission shall be appointed by the supervisor of the township, with the approval of the township board for terms of three (3) years each except that of the members first appointed, one-third (1/3) shall serve for one (1) year, one-third (1/3) for two (2) years, and one-third (1/3) for three (3) years. Successors shall be appointed not more than one month after the term of the proceeding commission member has expired. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the term by action of the township board.

ZO-6.01.01(b) After appointment, said planning commission shall meet to elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary from its members and create and fill such other offices or committees as it may deem advisable. It may appoint advisory committees outside of its membership.

ZO-6.01.01(c) The members first appointed to the township planning commission shall be appointed not sooner than sixty (60) days following the publication of the within resolution and shall be representative of major interests as they exist in the township, such as agriculture, public health, recreation, education, government, commerce, transportation and industry. One (1) member of the township board shall be appointed to the planning commission whose term of office shall be commensurate with his/her term on the township board.

ZO-6.02.00 Compensation

The members of the township planning commission shall receive as compensation for their services such sum or sums as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the township board.

ZO-6.03.00 Terms of Officers

ZO-6.03.01 The terms of all officers shall be one year.

ZO-6.04.00 Meetings

The Planning Commission shall hold not less than four regular open meetings a year, at which meetings any person having interests in the township shall be heard relative to any matters that should properly come before the Commission. Additional meetings will be posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (1976 PA 267). The Planning Commission shall not conduct business unless at least four (4) members are present.

ZO-6.05.00 Duties and Powers of Planning Commission (amd Ord 12-1)

In accordance with said Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008 MCL 125.3801, et seq., and Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MZEA) P.A. 110 of 2006 , MCL 125.3101, et seq., as amended, as amended, said planning commission shall make and adopt a basic plan as a guide for the development of unincorporated portions of the township, and conduct the necessary public hearings in connection herewith. It shall further make recommendations concerning new plats and other land development matters referred to it by the township board.

ZO-6.06.00 Final Decisions

All final decisions of said planning commission other than those involving the election of its own officers and adoption of its rules of procedure shall be subject to the approval of the township board before the same shall become effective.

ZO-6.07.00 Amendments (amd Ord 12-1)

Any amendments, which may hereafter, be made to said Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008 MCL 125.3801, et seq., and Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MZEA) P.A. 110 of 2006 , MCL 125.3101, et seq., as amended shall hereby be declared to automatically control the activities and function of the township planning commission created hereunder.