

Planning Board

The Planning Board consists of nine members serving without compensation. Serving one-year terms are the Mayor, a Township official appointed by the Mayor, and a member of the governing body, appointed by the Council. Six citizens appointed by the Mayor serve four-year terms.

State law enables the Planning Board to perform the following functions:

1. To prepare and recommend new zoning ordinances for adoption by the Township Council and to recommend amendments to existing ordinances.
2. To prepare and adopt a Master Plan utilizing planning consultants who study and project future growth, needs, and development.
3. To recommend regulations for subdivisions.
4. To process proposals for subdivisions and site plans.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Any variance or exception to the zoning ordinance are brought before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Board consists of seven members and two alternates appointed by the Township Council for two-year terms. It has the power to grant or deny a variance in space-usage cases: i.e., the amount of side-yard and setback from the street. It may approve or deny the granting of a variance in non-conforming-use cases.

Zoning Ordinance

Under state law a zoning ordinance may be adopted, amended, or repealed only after a public hearing, notice of which shall be published at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Under the present Zoning Ordinance, the Township is divided into twelve zones which basically fall into one



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