

Mancelona Area Planning Commission 2021 Annual Report

The Mancelona Area Planning Commission is a joint planning commission consisting of Mancelona Township and the Village of Mancelona. The Mancelona Area Planning Commission is governed by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (PA33 or 2008 as amended). During 2021 the following members were on the Commission.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Rod Vesey, Chair	2023
Mike Allison, Vice-Chair	same as elected
RaeAnn Thompson, Treasurer	2022
Maureen Naumcheff, Secretary	2024
Chuck Johnson, Member	same as elected
Doug Derrer, Member	2023
Nicole Fleet, Member	2022

In fulfillment of the requirements of the Municipal Planning Enabling Act (PA33 of 2008 as amended), the Mancelona Area Planning Commission presents the following report covering significant action by the Commission for calendar year 2021:

Master Plan:

The Mancelona Area Master Plan was finalized in 2018. The Plan will be up for renewal in 2023.

Recreation Plan:

The Mancelona Area also has a joint Recreation Plan. This was put in place in 2018. This plan will be up for review by 2023.

Zoning:

The Mancelona Area Planning Commission does not govern Zoning. The Zoning is taken care of by the Village Planning Commission that consists only of the Village of Mancelona. Mancelona Township does not have Zoning.

Special Land Use:

The Planning Commission did not receive or consider and rezoning requests for the year.

Accomplishments for 2021:

- Both the Village and the Township created Ordinances to allow Marijuana Use, the Township primarily focused on Grow facilities and the Village primarily allows retailers in our area.
- The Planning Commission paid for the Sewer extension study along North US 131 in collaboration with the Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority.
- The Planning Commission also supported the CRD in their efforts to secure grants of all purposes for the area.

Goals for 2022:

- Continue to seek grants for Wetzel Lake, Palmer Park and other outdoor areas in the Village and the Township. The Village is still bidding out improvements to Palmer Park from a grant secured through the DNR that was selected in 2020 (covid created difficulties in completing this task at the time)
- Continue to support Affordable/Workforce Housing efforts, including housing improvement grants via CRD. CRD is also looking into supporting and implementing a Grant for Skilled Trade individuals for our area.
- The Mancelona Area Planning Commission will begin to review the Master Plan and Rec Plan in preparation for 2023.
- Continue to support the CRD in grant finding for the Mancelona Area.