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Richland Township Park Board Planning Commission Duties

Below is a list of some of the responsibilities that the Planning Commission is responsible for executing.

- Planning Commission members are members of the Richland Township Planning Commission.
- Planning Commission members will attend Richland Township Planning Commission meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and participate in decisions and deliberations with regards to the Township's vision with the Master Plan, the Township Zoning Ordinance and Community Development.
- Planning Commission members are appointed to serve a (3) three-year term.
- The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Township Board proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
- The Zoning Ordinance is not intended to be a static document and often needs to be amended. The Planning Commission recommends ordinance text changes to the Township Board.
- The Township's Zoning Ordinance provides the Planning Commission with the final authority on several other types of zoning reviews that often govern project proposals.
- Land uses which require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in certain zoning districts allow the Planning Commission to exercise additional control over those developments in order to ensure that it will have a minimal impact on adjacent and other nearby properties.
- Land uses that require a Site Plan Review also allow the Planning Commission the opportunity to affect development proposals in order to ensure that it will have a minimal impact on neighboring land.
- The Planning Commission is an appointed body that advises the legislative body on planning matters. The Planning Commission has the **responsibility to prepare a master plan**, which influences the regulations and standards in the zoning ordinance and any future changes to it.