

When and where

May 9: Treetops Resort Conference Center

3962 Wilkinson Rd., Gaylord (866) 348-5249
Meet us in the Conference Center, beyond the tennis courts.

From I-75: Take Exit 282 and follow M-32 east through Gaylord to Wilkinson Rd. Turn left onto Wilkinson Rd. and travel east to the resort, which will be on your left.

May 15: Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center

One Covered Bridge Ln., Frankenmuth (989) 652-7200
Meet us on level two in the Conference Center.

From I-75 (northbound): Take Exit 136 and head east on M-54 to M-83. Turn left onto M-83 and travel into Frankenmuth. Turn right at the second stoplight and continue over the covered bridge.

From I-75 (southbound): Take Exit 144 and turn left onto Dixie Hwy. Turn left onto Junction Rd., travel approx. five miles and turn right onto S. Main St. Turn left onto Covered Bridge Ln., and continue over the covered bridge.

May 18: Four Points by Sheraton

3600 East Cork Street Ct., Kalamazoo (269) 385-2922

From I-94: Take Exit 74 (U.S. 131) and head north. Use Exit 36A and follow Stadium Dr. east to Howard St. and turn left. Take Howard St. to W. Michigan Ave. and turn right. Follow the traffic circle and merge onto Rankin Ave. Turn right onto Business Ct. and left into Lot 72F.

Special dietary or other accommodations?

Email kristin@michigantownships.org or call (517) 321-6467, ext. 230 at least one week in advance

Joining us online—Watch your email for login instructions the week of May 8. Sign in to the Zoom link provided in your email at 1 p.m. on May 18 to watch live and get your questions answered OR watch the recorded version (link emailed to all online registrants after class) at your convenience from June 1 through August 31 OR both!

Cancellations, substitution and switching policy

Written cancellation requests received at the MTA office by April 25 will receive a full refund. In-person event “no shows” or those who cancel after April 25 will be converted to online access. No refunds will be issued after April 25 without extenuating circumstances. If space allows, you may switch locations at no charge if you notify MTA at least one week prior to class; otherwise, a \$25/person fee will be assessed. You may substitute another individual from your township without incurring a charge; please notify MTA of the change.



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What every
planning commissioner
and ZBA member needs to
know about zoning



Breaking the Zoning Code

*Review zoning processes and procedures,
essential for new P&Z officials!*



Zoning is an ever-changing field, frequently altered by new laws, court decisions and the evolving nature of its practice. Lack of knowledge about zoning procedures and laws that your township is required to follow is one of the biggest challenges facing planning commission and zoning board of appeals members. Laws and procedures that may seem burdensome are intended to protect the rights of your community. The **intricacies of zoning can be controversial, costly** and even cause suspicion and personal attacks from residents unfamiliar with the workings of their local government. **Rules, procedures, forms, fees, meetings and delays create frustration and anxiety** for those who must work within the zoning approval systems.

Those serving as elected and appointed officials are held to a high standard of performance and accountability. Many have felt the sting of a verbal lashing from frustrated citizens. Nonetheless, zoning decisions are not popularity contests to be made on the basis of public support, or lack of it! They must be based on the health, safety and welfare of your community, as well as the **requirements, regulations and review standards of the zoning code.**

MTA is teaming up with land use expert Steve Langworthy (author of MTA's *Township Guide to Planning & Zoning* and *Township Planning & Zoning Decision-Making* books) to bring you this **half-day class designed to help you understand the legalities (and controversies!)** that come with balancing private property rights with public interest and your township's authority to regulate land use. Participants will:

- Explore why zoning regulations exist, what they are intended to accomplish, and how they may be used.
- Examine strategies that foster cooperation and help apply the zoning ordinance's standards to your decisions.
- Dissect a zoning ordinance and walk away with the background necessary to understand (and explain it) to those affected.

Check-in and lunch begins at noon and class is held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in Gaylord on May 9, Frankenmuth on May 15 and Kalamazoo on May 18. Can't spare the time? Join us online! Watch live on May 18, a recorded version later at your convenience, or both. See details on reverse.

Continue the learning with other MTA resources

Participants can pre-purchase MTA's Planning & Zoning Book Package, which includes *The Township Guide to Planning & Zoning* and *Planning & Zoning Decision-making*, for \$76—a nearly 20% discount over regular rates. The *P&Z Guide* provides a detailed look at the planning process and outlines elements of a successful program, while *Decision-making* aims to help you reach defensible, effective decisions and build a strong community based on sound planning principles and procedures. Books will be distributed on-site at check-in or shipped to online registrants. (Those joining us online, please add \$5 shipping and handling.) Watch MTA emails and publications for availability of Langworthy's upcoming book, *Breaking the Zoning Code*.



Breaking the Zoning Code

To register send completed form with payment to MTA, P.O. Box 80078, Lansing, MI 48908-0078. Payment via credit card may be faxed to (517) 321-8908. Or register online at www.michigantownships.org.

Township _____ County _____

Name & Title _____ Add P&Z book package: Yes No

Email (required for online registrants) _____

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When will you join us:

- May 9:** Gaylord **May 15:** Frankenmuth
 May 18: Kalamazoo **May 18:** Online Only

Early-bird Rate*: Expires two weeks prior to event date
 \$100/person (Premium subscribers pay \$80/person**)

Regular Rate*: Begins two weeks from event date
 \$125/person (Premium subscribers pay \$100/person**)

Late Rate*: Applies one week from event date
 \$150/person (Premium subscribers pay \$120/person**)

_____ (# registered) x \$ _____ (rate*) = \$ _____

_____ (# of book packages) x (\$76/package*) = \$ _____

Online registrants, add \$5/shipping for books = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

*Rate applies to MTA members. Non-members, call for rates.

**Premium subscribers are townships that have purchased an online learning subscription to MTA Online at the premium level. Find out if your township is a premium subscriber at www.michigantownships.org/mtaonline.asp.

NOTE: Payment must accompany form in order to be processed.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed (payable to MTA)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge to: (circle one) MasterCard VISA		
Card # _____	CSV (3-digit code) _____	Expires _____
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