

April 2020 News

Planning and Zoning Amendments

During this time of conducting Livingston County business remotely from home, County Planning Staff is available to receive your master plan and zoning ordinance amendments via email. We are busy processing them for the next possible Livingston County Planning Commission meeting. The Zoning/Master Plan Amendment Form can be found on the County Planning website at:

Please send your amendments to your staff liaison as follows:

The image shows a 'ZONING/MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT FORM' from Livingston County Planning Commission. It includes fields for Local Case Number, County Case Number, and a section for 'REZONING (MAP AMENDMENT)' with sub-sections for 'REZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT' and 'PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLICATION SCHEDULE'. There are checkboxes for 'Minutes of Public Hearing' and 'Minutes of Public Hearing'.

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<p>Liaison Communities: Tyrone Township, Brighton Township, Iosco Township, Conway Township, Oceola Township, Marion Township and Village of Pinckney</p>	<p>Liaison Communities: Putnam Township, Howell Township, Unadilla Township, Deerfield Township, Handy Township, City of Howell, and City of Brighton</p>	<p>Liaison Communities: Genoa Township, Green Oak Township, Hamburg Township, Hartland Township, Cohoctah Township, and Village of Fowlerville</p>

This entire week, the IDA is hosting the International Dark Sky Week 2020! Each day, the IDA is hosting online presentations, seminars, and activities that will serve to educate others about the night sky, the cosmos, and other astronomical phenomena. Use the link below to access the many activities the IDA has prepared for people of all ages!
<https://idsw.darksky.org/>

International Dark Sky Week



April 19 - April 26, 2020

The Livingston County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee has been working with the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) to apply for an Urban Night Sky Places (UNSP)

designation for Lutz County Park located in Deerfield Township. The IDA works to protect the night skies for present and future generations with policy and advocacy programs that are aimed at reducing light pollution by creating responsible lighting policy, dark sky protection through various certification programs, and sky-shed restoration by promoting coordinated actions to reverse the increasing rate of light pollution.

The process for obtaining a UNSP designation is rigorous with applicants required to demonstrate compliance with the IDA's policies that include preservation of the night sky, night sky measurements, public outreach and education, and future programs that promote opportunities for residents and park visitors to engage in night sky viewing and other astronomical activities. To date, Livingston County's application has undergone an initial review and Planning Staff is currently revising sections of the submission to more closely adhere to the strict IDA standards. Once the application has been approved by the IDA, Lutz County Park will be recognized as an Urban Night Sky Place and will offer a prime location in Livingston County to view the beauty of the cosmos!

**Note: Web links are not live in this publication. Please copy and paste them into your web browser.