

SANILAC TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission



Sanilac Township Hall (1884)

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The Planning Commission is comprised of six appointed members, and one member from the Township Board. Currently there are two vacancies. The Planning Commission (PC) holds regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Sanilac Township Hall. The Planning Commission's task is to review site plans, land use permits, planned unit developments, rezoning, and every five years the Township's Master Plan. The Planning Commission also holds public hearings for special land use permits, and zoning text amendments.

Purpose of the Annual Report

- The Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires the Planning Commission to prepare an annual report to the Township Board:
"A planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development."
- Increases information-sharing between the commission, committees, township board, and staff.
- Allows for planning of upcoming issues and priorities, in order to prepare and budget.

Membership

Commission Member	Office	Term Expiration
John Goike	Chair	2023
Robert Dear	Secretary	2023
Corinne Falls	Member	2024
Mary Ann Milarch	Member (Reappointed in April)	2025
Kurtis Steeb	Member	2024
Branden Mack	Member (Appointed in May)	2025
Bill Noelke	Board Representative	
Renzie & Mary Ann Milarch	Zoning Administrators	

Conferences and Workshops Attended

Commission Member	Training Session	Date
John Goike	Introduction to Planning and Zoning	May 31, 2022

Meetings

The Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires planning commissions to hold a minimum of four meetings annually. The Sanilac Township Planning Commission met for eleven regular monthly meetings in the Township Hall. The February meeting was cancelled because of the lack of a quorum. The planning commission also held two public hearings in January.

Date	Type of Meeting	Comments
July 1, 2021	Regular Meeting	
August 5, 2021	Regular Meeting	Guests: DTE Representative Mike Ricci, Jeff Lyall, Bonnie Zeck, Dan Finn
September 2, 2021	Regular Meeting	
October 7, 2021	Regular Meeting	Guest: Dan Finn
November 4, 2021	Regular Meeting	Guest: Dan Finn
December 2, 2021	Regular Meeting	Guest: Dan Finn
January 6, 2022	Regular Meeting	Guest: Dan Finn
February 3, 2022	Meeting Cancelled	Lack of quorum
March 3, 2022	Regular Meeting	
April 7, 2022	Regular Meeting	Guests: Dan Finn, Rick Scavarda
May 5, 2022	Regular Meeting	Guests: Supervisor Dan Kelly, Dan Finn, Branden Mack
June 2, 2022	Regular Meeting	Guest: Rick Scavarda

Public Hearings

Date	Purpose	Guests	Results
January 6, 2022	Proposed revision of Article 3, Section 3.10 "Violations and Penalties"	1	Approved 1/06/2022 Adopted by Township Board on 1/13/2022
January 6, 2022	Proposed amendment to Article 5 Section 5.6.1 "Medical Use of Marijuana as a Home Occupation"	1	Approved 1/06/2022 Adopted by Township Board on 1/13/2022

Future Planning Issues

- The Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires planning commissions to review and update the Master Plan every five years.
- Short-term Rental Ordinance

Zoning Ordinance Amendments Proposed by Planning Commission & Adopted by Township Board

Two zoning ordinance amendments were proposed by the Planning Commission in 2021-2022. Both proposed amendments were adopted by the Township Board.

- TOWNSHIP OF SANILAC ORDINANCE No. 2022.01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SANILAC TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 5.6.1 TO PERMIT AND REGULATE THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA AS A HOME OCCUPATION, TO PROVIDE FOR A REVOCATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE FOR A VIOLATION, TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ARTICLE 5 - SECTION 5.6.1 MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA AS A HOME OCCUPATION

(See Zoning Ordinance Article 5 Section 5.6.1 for complete ordinance text)

APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION 01/06/2022

ADOPTED BY TOWNSHIP BOARD 01/13/2022

- TOWNSHIP OF SANILAC ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION ARTICLE 3 SECTION 3.10

Unless otherwise expressly provided, whoever (including, but not limited to owner, tenant, occupant, or person) violates any of the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance shall upon notification by the zoning administrator bring any and all such violations into compliance, and pay all fees, fines, and court costs involved. In addition to all other remedies, including the penalties provided in this Section of the Ordinance, the Township may commence and prosecute appropriate actions or proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, to restrain or prevent any noncompliance with or violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or to correct, remedy or abate such noncompliance or violation. Buildings erected, altered, razed or converted, or uses carried on in violation of any provision of this Ordinance or in violation of any regulations made under the authority of Act 184 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1943, as amended, are hereby declared to be a nuisance per se, and the court shall order such nuisance abated.

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Land Use Permits Report 2021-2022

Date		Location		Description	Status
July	2021	5830	Basler	Shed	Approved
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July	2021	6166	E Sanilac	Florist shop	Approved
July	2021	7106	E Applegate	Storage shed	Approved
July	2021	7050	E Applegate	40' x 48' w, 12' x 48' l	Approved
July	2021	1014	Lakeside	Fence	Approved
July	2021	1406	N Ridge	Wood shed	Approved
August	2021	1065	N Lakeshore Rd	Pole barn	Approved
August	2021	7094	Washington	Home addition	Approved
September	2021	2363	S Lakeshore Rd	Garage	Approved
September	2021	6550	Suerweir	Pole barn	Approved
September	2021	436	N Lakeshore	New home	Approved
September	2021	5400	Washington	Covered deck	Approved
September	2021	6756	Derby	New deck & porch	Approved
September	2021	926	N Lakeshore	Fence	Approved
October	2021	6667	Custer	Shipping containers	Approved
October	2021	5379	Custer	Motor home port	Approved
October	2021	880	S Lakeshore	New deck	Approved
October	2021	6715	Custer	Pole barn	Approved
November	2021	2535	Greening Rd	Pole barn w/12' overhang	Approved
November	2021	1073	S Lakeshore Rd	Fence	Approved
November	2021	2705	S Lakeshore Rd	Fence	Approved
November	2021	1398	N Lakeshore Rd	Garage	Approved
November	2021	1047	Greening Rd	Car port (shed expansion)	Approved
December	2021	1910	S Lakeshore Rd	Convert garage to home	Approved
December	2021	316	N Lakeshore Rd	Garage	Approved
December	2021	5100	E Walker Rd	Garage	Approved
December	2021	1105	S Greening Rd	Storage building	Approved
January	2022	1139	Greening Rd	New home	Approved
January	2022	7336	Murphy Dr	Home addition	Approved
January	2022	9325	S Ridge Rd	Green house	Approved
February	2022	316	N Lakeshore Rd	New home	Approved
February	2022	1241	S Lakeshore Rd	New home	Approved
March	2022	124	S Greening	Garage	Approved
March	2022	1699	S Lakeshore Rd	Home addition & deck	Approved
March	2022	2110	Basler Rd	Shed	Approved
March	2022	1523	S Lakeshore Rd	Home addition & deck	Approved
April	2022	6245	Walker Rd	New shed	Approved

April	2022	6945	Custer Rd	Fence	Approved
April	2022	282	N Lakeshore Rd	New Deck	Approved
April	2022	1195	S Lakeshore Rd	New Storage building	Approved
May	2022	1080	S Goetze	Barn	Approved
May	2022	6436	Frenchline Rd	Barn	Approved
May	2022	1041	N Huron View Rd	Shed	Approved
May	2022	6751	Mann Rd	Garden Club Marketplace	Approved
June	2022	829	N Ridge Rd	Solar Panels	Approved
June	2022	6756	Derby Rd	Pole barn	Approved
June	2022	1875	S Lakeshore Rd	Protect meter	Approved
June	2022	None	Address	New house	Approved
June	2022	6095	Walker Rd	New house	Approved

