

**Minutes**  
**Sanilac Township Planning Commission**

April 7, 2022  
Sanilac Township Hall  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

**Meeting Called to Order** by Chair John Goike at 7:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Bob Dear, Corinne Falls, John Goike, Mary Ann Milarch,  
Board Representative Bill Noelke, Zoning Administrator Renzie Milarch,  
Guests: (2) Dan Finn, Rick Scavard  
Absent: Kurtis Steeb

**Additions to the Agenda:** Planning Commission Budget added to Old Business

**Approve the Agenda:**

*“Motion to approve the agenda” by C. Falls; seconded by M. Milarch; motion carried*

**Public Comment:** Rick Scavard spoke to the commission about a need for a short-term rental ordinance. He said that he has a background in rental properties and would be available for consultation. His concern is that property owners and renters be protected.

Dan Finn also spoke to the commission about his experience with rentals in Grosse Pointe Park.

**Approve Minutes:**

*“Motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting” by M. Milarch; seconded by B. Noelke; motion carried*

**Board Representative Report:** B. Noelke reported that the Township Board suggested the Planning Commission take a look at Article 4 Lakefront Residential Zoning, and passed out copies of the two ordinance amendments recently approved by the Township Board (Section 3.10 Violations and Penalties & Section 5.6.1 Medical Use of Marijuana as a Home Occupation).

**Zoning Administrator March Report:**

1. 124 S. Greening Rd. 24' x 32' garage (Approved)
2. 1699 S. Lakeshore Rd. 16' x 38' addition & 16' x 12' deck (Approved)
3. 7110 Basler Rd. 56' x 64' shed (Approved)
4. 1523 S. Lakeshore Rd. 17' x 32' addition, plus deck (Approved)

**Accept the Reports:**

*“Motion to accept the reports as presented” by B. Noelke; seconded by M. Milarch; motion carried*

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**Old Business:**

Planning Commission Budget: Discussion about whether or not we feel it necessary to have a budget for the Planning Commission. B. Noelke will email an article from the MTA magazine about budgets for Planning Commissions, and also ask the Township Board if they feel there is a need for one. Decided to table the issue until the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Review of Article 4, Section 4.7, Lakefront/Residential Zoning: Discussion about the need for a short-term rental ordinance. House Bill 4722 and Senate Bill 446 that would amend the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act are pending and would limit local control of short-term rentals. Members looked at several parts of the ordinance where there is already some control over rentals (bed & breakfast & rooming houses). B. Dear will get more information about inspection of rentals in Port Sanilac, and B. Noelke will check on the status of House and Senate bills before the next meeting.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**Motion to Adjourn**

*“Motion to adjourn”* by M. Milarch, seconded by C. Falls

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chair J. Goike at 8:08 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary