

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

August 5, 2021  
Sanilac Township Hall  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

**Meeting Called to Order** by Chairman J. Goike at 7:00 P.M.

**Members Present:** Chairman J. Goike, B. Dear, C. Falls, M. Milarch, K. Steeb  
Board Representative B. Noelke, Zoning Administrator R. Milarch,  
Guests: 4 (Jeff Lyall, DTE Rep. Mike Ricci, Bonnie Zeck, Dan Finn)

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

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

**Guest Speaker:** DTE Representative Mike Ricci spoke to the commission about safety concerns over a large increase in the volume of what he referred to as indoor agriculture for residents and renters. Hazardous overload conditions from lighting, ventilation, and air conditioners are causing fires, as well as voltage drops and flicker for nearby residents. He mentioned that many municipalities are placing restrictions on service increases, and even secondary services to outbuildings. Some communities are creating ordinances and moratoriums as well as opt out of commercial type growing due to complaints and safety issues. DTE must abide by the local governmental laws and rules, such as limitations on service increases, restrictions on business type use, no commercial secondary services to outbuildings, and special permit approval requirements of greater than 200 amps. DTE Planners are being asked to inquire about local restrictions for larger service requests.

**Public Comment:**

Jeff Lyall – Code enforcement a big issue around the county, and some townships are considering banning together to hire a code enforcement officer.

Bonnie Zeck – Concerned about the large amount of dust created from trucks on the road.

**Approve Minutes:**

July 1, 2021 Regular Meeting: *Motion by M. Milarch “to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2021 regular meeting”; seconded by Falls; motion carried*

**Board Representative Report:**

Noelke stated that the Board is open to giving commission members their own emails for township use instead of using their private emails. He asked how many commissioners would like having a township email, and everyone responded that they would. He also said that the Board was in favor of changing the harsh wording in Section 3.10 on Violations and Penalties.

**Zoning Administrator July Report:**

1. 5830 Basler Rd. 8’ x 10’ shed
2. 5830 Basler Rd. 24’ x 32’ shed
3. 6166 E. Sanilac Rd. 16’ x 32’ florist shop

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4. 7106 E. Applegate Rd. 36' x 40' storage shed
5. 7050 E. Applegate Rd. 40' x 48' w/12' x 48' 1
6. 1014 Lakeside 40' fence
7. 1406 N. Ridge 10' x 18' wood shed

ZA Milarch mentioned that the house trailer on M-46 is gone, and there has been a total cleanup of the garage sale issue on M-25 near Applegate road after the property has changed hands.

**Accept the Reports:**

**Motion** by M. Milarch "to accept the reports as presented", seconded by Steeb, **motion carried**

**Old Business:**

Sections 3.4 Issuance of Citations and 3.10 Violations and Penalties: Chairman Goike mentioned that since the Board was in favor of modifying the language in this ordinance, we would take it up at the next meeting.

Marijuana Ordinance-Secondary Electrical Service: Chairman Goike stated that we will wait on this until we get more information that DTE Representative Mike Ricci is sending, and asked about contacting the township's attorney. Noelke will check to see how the Board wants to handle the issue with our attorney.

Planning Commission Annual Report: Reviewed the annual report. Dear asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions.

**Motion** by Falls "to accept the Planning Commission Annual Report, and send it to the Township Board for review", seconded by M. Milarch; **motion carried**

**New Business:** None

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, September 2, 2021 7:00 PM

**Motion to Adjourn** by M. Milarch

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chairman Goike at 8:18 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary