

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

*August 6, 2020*  
*Sanilac Township Hall*  
*Port Sanilac, MI 48469*

**Meeting Called to Order** by Chair Falls at 7:00 P.M. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Members Present:** Chair C. Falls, B. Dear, J. Goike, M. Milarch, K. Steeb  
Township Board Liaison A. Schlichting, Zoning Administrator R. Milarch,

**Members Absent:** None  
Guests: Barry & Denise Boulianne

**Additions to the Agenda:** Dear asked about the disposal of old records, and it was recommended to consult with Township Clerk.

**Approve the Agenda:** Motion by Milarch, Second by Goike, motion carried

**Public Comment:** Barry & Denise Boulianne who live in Lexington Township spoke to the commission on their water issue, and the possibility of connecting to the Townships water.

**Approve Minutes of the July 2, 2020 Public Hearing:** No minutes available to approve.

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**Township Board Liaison Report:** The Township Board had been updated on items from the Planning Commission agenda.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** 580 N. Lakeshore Rd. 50 ft. X 64 ft. pole barn; approved  
6975 Washington Rd. 8 ft. X 12 ft. deck; approved  
2328 S. Lakeshore Rd. 72 ft. X 42 ft. pole barn (shed); approved  
5400 E. Washington Rd. 30ft. X 68 ft. pole barn (shed); approved

**Old Business:**

Residential Use in Commercial District: Lengthy discussion on allowing residential zoning in commercial & industrial districts. Schlichting commented that it has always been allowed, but the ordinance that we have doesn't allow it. Township Board is concerned that at least some of the land be set aside for the use that it was intended, especially in industrial district. If a lesser use is allowed, what restrictions are needed, and do we want different restrictions/standards of commercial land along M 46 and M 25?

Dear made a motion to "Allow Agricultural Residential zoning in Commercial and Industrial districts as a permitted use"; seconded by Milarch; motion carried.

Definition of Front/Rear Yard in Lakefront Residential District: More discussion about the issues and problems of front and rear yards in the Lakefront Residential District. Suggested to possibly use the terms "lake side" and "road side" instead of front and rear. Tabled until next meeting.

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**New Business:**

Election of Officers for 2020-2021:

Chair: Milarch nominated Falls for Chair; seconded by Dear; motion carried

Secretary: Falls nominated Dear for Secretary; seconded by Milarch; motion carried

Public Hearing Date: Still TBD. Decided to wait for an opinion from Township Attorney David Hearsch on proposed changes before scheduling a date for a Public Hearing. Earliest possible date may be our October 1 meeting.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chair Falls at 8:19 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Secretary