

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

December 1, 2022 6:00 PM  
Sanilac Township Hall  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

**Meeting Called to Order** at 6:00 PM by Chair John Goike

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Bob Dear, Corinne Falls, Dan Finn, John Goike, Branden Mack,  
Board Representative Bill Noelke

Absent: Zoning Administrator Kurtis Steeb

Guests: 2 – Jeff Wroblewski, Shannon Wroblewski

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Approve Agenda:** *Motion “to approve the agenda” by C. Falls, seconded by B. Mack; Motion passed*

**Public Comment/Communications:** Guest Jeff Wroblewski spoke to the commission about his property on Basler Rd. that is landlocked and not buildable. He asked the commission what can be done to start the process to make his land buildable with a possible private road easement.

**Approve Minutes:**

*Motion by B. Noelke ”to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2022 Regular Meeting”, seconded by D. Finn; Motion passed*

**Board Representative Report:** B. Noelke stated that he has shared the information about our short-term rental discussions with the Township Board. One of the board’s concerns was about inspections and what can be done if the county doesn’t what to do them. A possible alternative would be for a mortgage company to do them.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** None

Permits None

**Old Business:**

1. Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2023: B. Dear handed out copies of the 2023 meeting schedule for approval according to our by-laws. All meetings will continue to be on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM.

*Motion by C. Falls “to accept the schedule of meeting dates for 2023”, seconded by D. Finn; Motion passed*

2. Short Term Rentals: B. Mack lead continued discussions about what to include in a short-term rental ordinance:

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- a. *Garbage*: Discussion concerned whether or not to include garbage in an ordinance, and whether the renter, owner, or agent should be responsible for putting it out. General feeling was that trash should not be put out more than 24 hrs. before pickup, and containers taken care of within 24 hrs. Also, adequate trash containers, including at least 1 large trash container for every 4 occupants.
  
- b. *Insurance*: Discussion again concerned whether a township ordinance should require insurance, what type, and how much. B. Mack stated that homeowner's insurance would not cover weekly rentals. Should a liability policy of \$1,000,000 be required? Lots of discussion about why we as a township should care if they have insurance or not, and possibly should just recommend that the owner have insurance.
  
- c. *Fire-Pits*: Discussions about fire-pits included requiring fires to be in a designated fire-pit area, a hose long enough to reach any fire-pit, fire extinguishers, no fires left unattended, fully extinguishing a fire, and no brush fires.

There was also a short discussion about definitions that will need to be added to our ordinance concerning short-term rentals, long-term rentals, blight, etc.

**New Business:** None

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Next Regular meeting Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

**Motion to Adjourn** by B. Mack

**Meeting Adjourned:** by Chair John Goike at 7:12 PM

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary