

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

February 2, 2023 6:00 PM  
Sanilac Township Hall  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

**Meeting Called to Order** at 6:00 PM by Acting Chair Corinne Falls

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Bob Dear, Corinne Falls, Dan Finn, Branden Mack  
Zoning Administrator Kurtis Steeb

Absent: John Goike, Board Representative Bill Noelke

Guests: 1 – Michael Sage (DTE Representative)

**Additions to the Agenda:** March meeting

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

**Public Comment/Communications:** Guest Michael Sage (DTE Representative) spoke to the commission about a new proposed sub-station in Sanilac Township. He stated that the reason was just for capacity, and wanted to find out about any special land use permits or change in zoning that may be required. He said that they do have a location in mind on the SE corner of Huron View and Snover Roads, but have not talked to the property owner yet. The size of the parcel needed would be about 250’ x 150’. Commission members informed him that “essential services” is a permitted land use in all zoning districts except for commercial where it is a special land use. He stated that the project, once started, would take about a year to complete.

**Approve Minutes:**

*Motion by D. Finn ”to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 Regular Meeting”, seconded by B. Mack; Motion passed*

**Board Representative Report:** None

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

January Permits: (2)

1. 12’ x 16’ shed at 7146 E. Applegate Rd. (Approved)
2. Fence at 2595 State Rd. (Approved)

ZA K. Steeb also stated that he is waiting for payment from the residents on Basler Rd. for a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting about their property that is landlocked.

**Accept the Reports:**

*Motion by D. Finn “to accept the Zoning Administrator report”, seconded by B. Mack; Motion passed*

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**Old Business:** Short Term Rentals: Continued discussions about what to include in a short-term rental ordinance. Discussion was mainly about whether or not to limit short-term rentals in the township, and what would be the best method for accomplishing that. Some suggestions were to limit short-term rentals to 5%-30% of properties in the township or in the lakefront residential district, to allow only so many rentals per mile along the lakeshore, or to allow a rental for every 100 or so address numbers. General feeling was that we should find out how many parcels are along the lakeshore in the township and how many are currently being rented as short-term rentals. Also, a short discussion about possibly sharing a zoning enforcement individual with another nearby township.

**New Business:** March Meeting: Discussion about whether or not to cancel the March meeting. Decision was to still try to have the meeting, because there may be enough members present for a quorum.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Next Regular meeting Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**Motion to Adjourn** by D. Finn, seconded by B. Dear

**Meeting Adjourned:** by Acting Chair Corinne Falls at 7:02 PM

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary