

Minutes
Sanilac Township Planning Commission

June 2, 2022
Sanilac Township Hall
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

Meeting Called to Order by Chair John Goike at 7:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Bob Dear, Corinne Falls, John Goike, Mary Ann Milarch, Kurtis Steeb

Guests: (1) Rick Scavarta

Absent: Branden Mack, Board Representative Bill Noelke,

Additions to the Agenda: Planning & Zoning workshop added to New Business

Approve the Agenda:

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

Public Comment: Rick Scavarta clarified if hotels, motels, and other rentals are not allowed by special land use permit in the lakefront residential area. He also asked if the township belonged to the MTA, and gave the commission a copy of House Bill No. 4722 pertaining to short-term rentals.

Approve Minutes:

“Motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022 Regular Meeting” by M. Milarch; seconded by C. Falls; motion carried

Board Representative Report: None

Zoning Administrator March Report:

1. 1080 S. Goetze Rd. barn extension 80' x 125' (Approved)
 2. 6436 Frenchline Rd. barn extension 24' x 36' (Approved)
 3. 1041 N. Huron View Rd. shed 20' x 16' (Approved)
 4. 6751 Mann Rd. Port Sanilac Garden Club marketplace on July 23rd (Approved)
- Acting Zoning Administrator Mary Ann Milarch also mentioned that a property owner wanted to build a 16' x 16' shed on a non-dedicated road, and the permit was denied.

Accept the Reports:

“Motion to accept the report as presented” by C. Falls; seconded by K. Steeb; motion carried

Old Business:

Short Term Rentals: Discussion about a short-term rental ordinance and issues of safety, noise, lighting, parking, liability, inspections, and enforcement. House Bill 4722 would put some restrictions on local units of government such as not limiting short-term rentals to less than 30% of the existing residential units, but also allowing some regulations such as noise, traffic, etc. General feeling was to wait until the state has completed their legislation on this topic before taking any action.

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New Business:

1. Port Sanilac Garden Club Marketplace: The Port Sanilac Garden Club asked for a permit to hold a Marketplace at 6751 Mann Rd. on July 23, 2022.

Motion by B. Dear, "to approve the special land use permit for the Port Sanilac Garden Club to hold their Marketplace at 6751 Mann Rd. on July 23rd"; seconded by K. Steeb; motion carried

2. Introduction to Planning and Zoning Workshop: J. Goike passed out copies of the power point presentation from the workshop that he attended in Frankenmuth on May 31st. He reviewed some of the highlights from the workshop including the Master Plan review every 5 years, site plans, special land use applications, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn

"Motion to adjourn" by M. Milarch, seconded by K. Steeb

Meeting Adjourned by Chair J. Goike at 8:01 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear
Planning Commission Secretary