

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

June 3, 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: (1) Dan Kelly

**Additions to the Agenda:** Yard sale ordinance consideration added to New Business.

**Approve the Agenda:** *Motion by Dear, “to approve the agenda”; seconded by Noelke; motion carried*

**Public Comment:** Dan Kelly presented two items for the planning commission to consider:

1. Complaints of noise from rental homes. Possible noise ordinance needed for rentals.
2. Townships in the state having issues with marijuana grow operations getting around the zoning ordinances by using existing buildings where the township isn't involved in issuing permits. One way to control this is to require a secondary electrical service review process, or review of any electrical service over 200 amps. Power companies are supporting this process, because they don't want to be involved in any illegal operations.

**Approve Minutes:**

May 6, 2021 Public Hearing: *Motion by Noelke “to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 public hearing”; seconded by Falls; motion carried*

May 6, 2021 Regular Meeting: *Motion by Noelke “to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 regular meeting”; seconded by Falls; motion carried*

**Board Representative Report:**

Noelke will ask the township board if they want to proceed with the Home Occupations ordinance as it relates to the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act.

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

1. 5225 Washington Rd. 27 ft. x 20 ft. addition & 27 ft. x 32 ft. garage (permit approved)
2. Custer Rd. (no address yet) 12 ft. x 24 ft. gazebo (permit approved)

Received an email from Ross Boelke concerning the zoning issues at 2819 S. Lakeshore Rd. Zoning Administrator Milarch stated the township has a very weak enforcement policy (Section 3.10 Violations and Penalties) that needs to be addressed. We also need to inform residents somehow that this is a zoned community and that they need permits for land uses.

**Old Business:**

Section 3.10 Violations and Penalties

Decided that the ordinance needs to be revised because of harsh penalties. Consensus was that steps were needed to inform violators in a variety of ways over a time period. Members will look at steps to inform violators and the consequences in other ordinances before the next meeting.

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**New Business:**

Planning Commission Contact List

Dear passed out contact lists with emails and phone numbers for both the Planning Commission and the Township Board for members to review for accuracy.

Article 4 AR, LR, C, and I Land Uses Permitted

Short discussion about “similar” land uses in Article 4 being too vague. Will reconsider again at a future meeting.

Yard Sale Ordinance

Discussion of the need for a yard sale ordinance, because of the issues at 2819 Lakeshore Rd. General feeling was that this is an isolated incident, and we haven’t had any problems in the past. Decided to wait and see if there are any more issues in the future.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, July 1, 2021 7:00 PM

**Motion to Adjourn** by M. Milarch

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chairman Goike at 8:27 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary