

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

May 5, 2022  
Sanilac Township Hall  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

**Meeting Called to Order** by Chair John Goike at 7:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Bob Dear, Corinne Falls, John Goike, Mary Ann Milarch,  
Board Representative Bill Noelke, Supervisor Dan Kelly  
Guests: (2) Dan Finn, Branden Mack  
Absent: Kurtis Steeb

**Additions to the Agenda:** Comments from Township Supervisor added to New Business

**Approve the Agenda:**

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve Minutes:**

*“Motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting” by M. Milarch;  
seconded by B. Noelke; motion carried*

**Board Representative Report:** B. Noelke reported that the Township Board will hold off on any discussion about an ordinance for amperage.

**Zoning Administrator March Report:**

1. 6245 Walker Rd. new shed (Approved)
2. 6945 S. Custer Rd. fence (Approved)
3. 282 N. Lakeshore Rd. new deck (Approved)
4. 1195 S. Lakeshore Rd. new storage building (Approved)

**Accept the Reports:**

*“Motion to accept the reports as presented” by C. Falls; seconded by B. Dear; motion carried*

**Old Business:**

Short Term Rentals: Lengthy discussion about short term rentals. Reviewed the ordinance from the Village of Port Sanilac, and B. Noelke gave an update on the House and Senate bills that are still pending. Some concerns are safety, noise, lighting, parking, liability, inspections, and enforcement. Branden Mack mentioned that homeowners basically set the rules for Airbnb and Vrbo rentals. Dan Finn mentioned that we may want to review some ordinances from other parts of Michigan that have been dealing with this issue for several years. Supervisor Kelly cautioned about liability for the township when considering safety issues. Members will gather more information before proceeding, and discuss it again at the next meeting.

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Planning Commission Budget: General feeling among members was that we haven't needed a budget in the past, and so best to leave things the way they are.

**New Business:**

Planning Commission Workshop: John Goike will be attending the workshop in Frankenmuth on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Election of Officers:

*Motion by B. Noelke to nominate John Goike as Chairman for the year 2022-2023, seconded by C. Falls; motion carried*

*Motion by B. Noelke to nominate Bob Dear as Secretary for the year 2022-2023, seconded by C. Falls; motion carried*

Township Supervisor Comments: Supervisor Kelly commented that he and Mary Ann Milarch have been dealing with the Zoning Administrator duties since Renzie Milarchs passing, and that the Township Board will take up the issue at their board meeting next week. He also introduced Branden Mack, who is a guest tonight, as a possible appointee to the Planning Commission.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**Motion to Adjourn**

*"Motion to adjourn"* by M. Milarch, seconded by C. Falls

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chair J. Goike at 8:02 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary