

Minutes
Sanilac Township Planning Commission

September 3, 2020
Sanilac Township Hall
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

Meeting Called to Order by Chair C. Falls at 7:00 P.M. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Chair C. Falls, B. Dear, J. Goike, M. Milarch, K. Steeb, A. Schlichting,
Zoning Administrator R. Milarch, Guests: none

Members Absent: None

Additions to the Agenda: Chair C. Falls asked for comments about the Zoning Ordinance from
Zoning Administrator R. Milarch

Approve the Agenda: Motion to approve by J. Goike, Second by M. Milarch, motion carried

Public Comment: Zoning Administrator R. Milarch read the “front” and “rear” yard definitions
for the Lakefront Residential District (LR) from the Zoning Ordinance, and commented that
he felt they were adequate.

Approve Minutes of the August 6, 2020 Meeting: Motion to approve by M. Milarch, Second
by A. Schlichting; Motion carried
Chair C. Falls commented that there were still no July minutes available.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Six (6) land use permits issued for: 1 garage, 2 sheds, 2 new homes, and 1 addition to a
home. All were approved.

Old Business:

1. Definition of Front/Rear Yard in Lakefront Residential District: Lengthy discussion about
the issues and problems of front and rear yards in the Lakefront Residential District. Dear
commented on portions of both Forester Twp. and Lexington Twp. Ordinances regarding
front and rear yards in Lakefront districts. General agreement was that the current
definitions were satisfactory, and no changes needed to be made.
2. Public Hearing Date: Decided to hold a Public Hearing regarding three proposed changes
in the Zoning Ordinance at the beginning of our next meeting on October 1, 2020 at 7:00
P.M. The three proposed ordinance changes include: 1) allowing Agricultural/Residential
zoning in Commercial and Industrial Districts; 2) establishing a minimum rear yard setback
of 25 ft. in Agricultural/Residential Districts; 3) striking the words “and less than six
hundred (600) square feet in area” from the first paragraph in Section 5.2 (a).

New Business:

Time change for Planning Commission meetings: Short discussion about possibly changing
the time for Planning Commission meetings. Decided to table it until our October meeting.

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Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2020 (Following Public Hearing)

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Falls at 8:05 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear
Secretary