

Minutes
Sanilac Township Planning Commission

June 1, 2023 6:00 PM
Sanilac Township Hall
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 PM by Chair John Goike

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Denise Bush, Bob Dear, Corinne Falls,
Dan Finn, John Goike, Branden Mack

Absent: Board Representative Bill Noelke, Zoning Administrator Kurtis Steeb

Guests: (2) Julie Fagan, William Mossett

Additions to the Agenda: Guests from MI Casa Stays added under Public Comment

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

Public Comment/Communications: Julie Fagan and William Mossett commented on short-term rentals, and answered questions from the Planning Commission. They commented that they are not against regulations, but rather are for regulations that make sense for health and safety purposes. Some problems that they have seen are noise, too many people in a house, and parking.

They feel that good common sense regulations would be requiring houses to be registered and inspected annually with a \$150-\$200 fee, a property manager (agent) that is within 20-30 miles who can respond to issues that come up, and as for parking 1 car per bedroom allowed.

They feel the best way to limit short-term rentals is through regulating them by requiring annual registrations, inspections, fees, and to follow through and make people comply with them. They mentioned that they felt other ways of limiting are not fair to the property owner.

Approve Minutes:

Motion by D. Finn “to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Regular Meeting,” seconded by B. Mack; Motion passed

Board Representative Report: None

Zoning Administrator Report:

May Permits: (5)

1. Porch at 845 S. Lakeshore Rd. (Approved)
2. Pole barn (40ft. x 60ft.) at 6257 Custer Rd (Approved)
3. Home addition (8ft. x 12 ft.) at 6797 Mann Rd. (Approved)
4. Lean-to (11ft. x 30ft.) at 185 N. Ridge Rd. (Approved)
5. Fence (6ft. x 100ft.) at 2789 S. Lakeshore Rd. (Approved)

Accept the Reports:

Motion by D. Bush “to accept the report from the Zoning Administrator,” seconded by B. Dear; Motion passed

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Old Business:

1. Short Term Rentals: Continued discussions about a short-term rental ordinance. B. Mack reported that Adam Young from the Wade Trim professional consulting firm will be at our next meeting in July to discuss their Scope of Work proposal for a short-term rental ordinance and possibly our Master Plan review at a later time. The cost estimate would be \$1,750. J. Goike will notify Board Representative B. Noelke of the meeting with Wade Trim in July so that Township Board members can attend if they choose to.

New Business:

1. Master Plan/Planning Commission Budgeting: Township clerk Suzanne Shagena will be budgeting for the Master Plan Review in 2023-2024 as part of the Planning Commissions budget. She mentioned that the township needs to use the ARPA funds that they have received or they may lose it, and that some of that money could possibly be used for the Master Plan Review. She will also need to have at least a rough estimate of the cost for the proposed budget. B. Mack will contact Wade Trim to see about getting an estimate for a Master Plan review.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Regular meeting Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn by B. Mack, seconded by D. Bush

Meeting Adjourned: by Chair John Goike at 7:16 PM

Submitted by: Bob Dear
Planning Commission Secretary