

SANILAC TOWNSHIP



PLANNING COMMISSION'S THIRD ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



MICHIGAN
STATE
HISTORICAL MARKERS

**MASONIC AND TOWN
HALL**

The Sanilac Masonic Lodge was organized in 1868. In 1869 lodge members and township officials agreed to build a combined township and Masonic hall on land donated by Christopher Odfield, a Mason. The foundation was built with three-foot-thick walls to provide refuge from future forest fires. When the cornerstone was laid on July 1, 1874, crowds turned out for the event, which was highlighted by Masonic ritual. The building was completed the following year. At the turn of the twenty-first century, the hall retained its fanciful Late Victorian brickwork and interior plan used by both the township and the Masons. The Masonic and town Hall is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Marker #1000
Sanilac Masonic and Town Hall
1000 N. Main St., Sanilac, MI 48080
www.michigan.gov/historical

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Introduction



This is the third annual report of the Sanilac Township Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is comprised of six members appointed by the Township Board, and one member from the Township Board. The Planning Commission (PC) holds regular monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Sanilac Township Hall. The

Planning Commission’s task is to review site plans, land use permits, planned unit developments, rezoning, text amendments, and every five years the Township’s Master Plan. The Planning Commission also holds public hearings for special land use permits, and zoning text amendments.



Purpose of the Annual Report

- The Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires the Planning Commission to prepare an annual report to the Township Board:
 “A planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development.”
- Increases information-sharing between the commission, committees, township board, and staff.
- Allows for planning of upcoming issues and priorities, in order to prepare and budget.



Members

Commission Member	Office	Term Expiration
John Goike	Chair (reappointed for a 3-year term in April 2023)	2026
Robert Dear	Secretary (reappointed for a 3-year term in April 2023)	2026
Corinne Falls	Member	2024
Mary Ann Milarch	Member (retired in July 2022)	2025
Brandon Mack	Member	2025
Dan Finn	Member (appointed for a 3-year term in September 2022)	2025
Denise Bush	Member (appointed for a 3-year term in April 2023)	2026
Bill Noelke	Board Representative	
Kurtis Steeb	Zoning Administrator	

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Meetings



The Township Planning Commission met for eleven regular monthly meetings in the Township Hall. The March meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

Date	Type of Meeting	Comments
July 7, 2022	Regular Meeting	Guests (2) Dan Finn, Township Supervisor Dan Kelly
August 4, 2022	Regular Meeting	Absent (1) B. Noelke Guests (7) Mary Ann Milarch, Clara Milarch, Macy Milarch Clerk Suzanne Shagena, Doug Shagena, Dan Finn, & Chris Kress
September 1, 2022	Regular Meeting	Guests (2) Dan Finn, Michael Duane
October 6, 2022	Regular Meeting	<i>Welcome to New Member Dan Finn</i> Guest (1) TJ Thompson from Community Input
November 3, 2022	Regular Meeting	Guests (4) Rick Scavarda, Don Goshorn, Michael Duane, Anthony Pellegrino
December 1, 2022	Regular Meeting	Guests (2) Jeff Wroblewski, Shannon Wroblewski
January 5, 2023	Regular Meeting	Guest (1) Rick Scavarda
February 2, 2023	Regular Meeting	Absent (2) J. Goike & B. Noelke Guest (1) Michael Sage from DTE Energy
March 2, 2023	Meeting Cancelled Lack of Quorum	Absent (3) J. Goike, B. Mack, & B. Noelke Guests (2) Mike Preston, Lisa Preston
April 6, 2023	Regular Meeting	Absent (1) J. Goike Guest (1) Mel Chi
May 4, 2023	Regular Meeting	<i>Welcome to New Member Denise Bush</i> Guests (2) Mike Preston, Lisa Preston
June 1, 2023	Regular Meeting	Absent (2) B. Noelke & K. Steeb Guests (2) Julie Fagan, William Mossett

Special Meetings

Date	Event	Comments
August 4, 2022	PC Meeting	<i>Retirement Resolution & cake to honor Mary Ann Milarch for her many years of service to the Planning Commission.</i>
February 2, 2023	PC Meeting	Michael Sage from DTE inquires about a special land use permit, and reports that DTE will purchase a 10-acre piece of land at 6600 Snover Rd. just east of Huron View Rd. to build a new sub-station.
March 23, 2023	ZBA Meeting	ZBA approves a request for a permit to build a shed on a non-buildable landlocked parcel of land on Basler Rd.
June 1, 2023	PC Meeting	Wade Trim Associates Professional Planners provide a proposal for the Scope of Work to develop a short-term rental ordinance at a lump sum fee of \$1,750.
June 30, 2023	Township Board Meeting	Township Board approves PC budget for a short-term rental ordinance and Master Plan Update.

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*A Resolution of the Sanilac Township Planning Commission
recognizing Mary Ann Milarch for her dedicated service to the
Planning Commission*

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Milarch, hereafter referred to as Mary Ann, devoted her time and expertise to serving Sanilac Township in the capacity of Planning Commission member for more than 20 years;

WHEREAS, Mary Ann served as secretary of the Planning Commission for a number of years;

WHEREAS, during her service Mary Ann provided valuable insight, perspective, and guidance to the Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, because of her fairness, sincerity, sense of humor, and good fellowship, she earned the respect and affection of past and current Planning Commission members and colleagues;

WHEREAS, the members of the Sanilac Township Planning Commission are extremely grateful for Mary Ann's many contributions to Sanilac Township and its residents;

WHEREAS, the Sanilac Township Planning Commission members seek to publicly recognize Mary Ann's commitment, dedication, and valuable contributions to Sanilac Township and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sanilac Township Planning Commission acknowledges and extends its gratitude to Mary Ann for her distinguished service to the Sanilac Township Planning Commission and her lasting contributions to Sanilac Township. The members of the Planning Commission will miss your presence as a colleague.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is saved in the permanent records of the Sanilac Township Planning Commission.

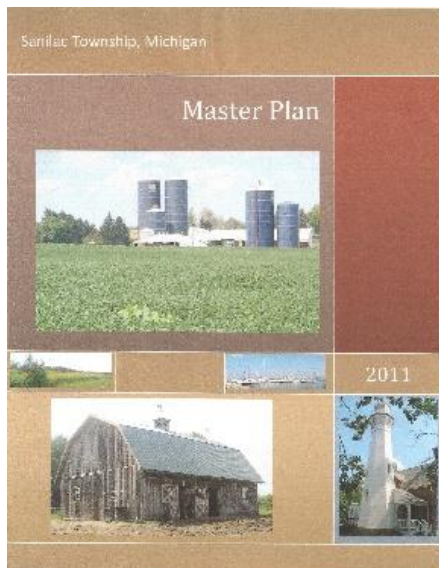
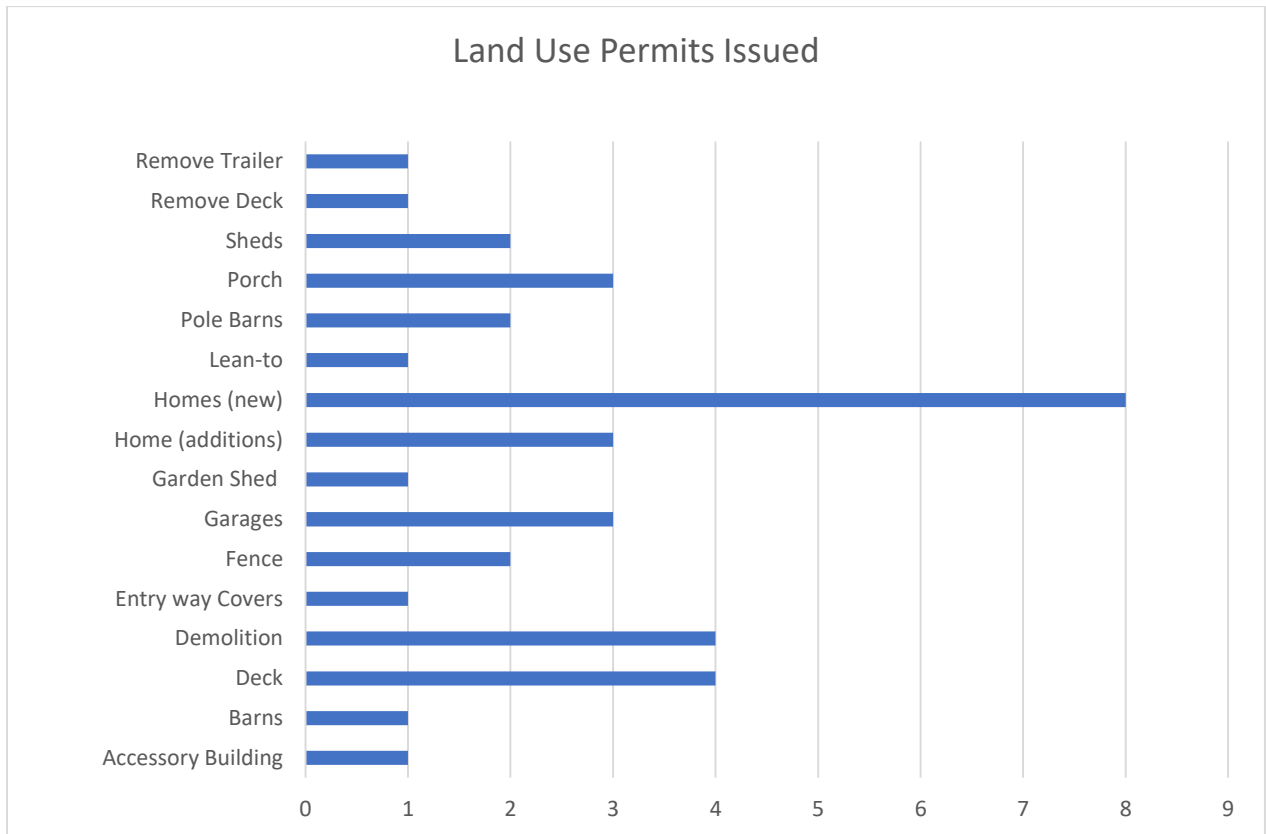
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Land Use Permits Report 2022-2023

Date		Location		Description	Status
July	2022	1340	N Lakeshore	Home Addition	Approved
July	2022	5343	Frenchline	New House	Approved
July	2022	1215	N Lakeshore	Removal of storage building and New Garage to replace it.	Approved
July	2022	2130	S Ridge	New Barn (farm)	Approved
September	2022	1635	S Lakeshore	Garden Shed & Deck	Approved
September	2022	5695	Custer	Remove trailer and New House	Approved
September	2022	1910	S Lakeshore	Porch, Garage, & Deck	Approved
October	2022	1669	S Lakeshore	Demolish old house & New House	Approved
October	2022	1691	S Lakeshore	Demolish old house & New House	Approved
October	2022	535	N Lakeshore	Deck and entry way covers (farm)	Approved
October	2022	676	N Lakeshore	Home Addition	Approved
January	2023	7146	E Applegate	Shed	Approved
January	2023	2595	State	Fence	Approved
February	2023	7303	Walker	Accessory Building	Approved
February	2023	2601	S Lakeshore	Deck removal, New Deck, Shed	Approved
March	2023	1266	N Lakeshore	New House	Approved
March	2023	402	N Huron View	New House with basement	Approved
March	2023	No Address	Basler Rd	Shed (ZBA approval to build on a non-buildable landlocked parcel)	Approved
April	2023	2875	S Lakeshore	Demolition of House	Approved
May	2023	845	S Lakeshore	Porch	Approved
May	2023	6257	Custer	Pole Barn	Approved
May	2023	6797	Mann	Home Addition	Approved
May	2023	185	N Ridge	Lean-To	Approved
May	2023	2789	S Lakeshore	Fence	Approved
June	2023	7041	Walker	New House & Pole Barn	Approved
June	2023	6379	Mann	New Home with attached Garage & Porch	Approved



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Future Planning Issues

Short-term Rental Ordinance

Update the Master Plan

Camping Ordinance