

Sanilac Township Planning Commission
Approved Public Hearing Minutes

May 1, 2024 6:00 P.M.
Sanilac Township Hall
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

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Determine Quorum

Public Hearing Opened by Chair John Goike at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guests: (8) Adam Young (Wade Trim), Karen Miller, Ann DeLodder, Carol Seifferlein,
Mike Preston, Justin Faber, Bryant Wilke, Rick Scavarda

Purpose: To review and receive comments on two proposed companion ordinances pertaining to short term rentals. The first ordinance is a proposed Short Term Rental Licensing Ordinance that would define short-term rentals, require licensing, limit the total number of licenses, establish a licensing process, outline general regulations, and prescribe penalties for violations of the ordinance. The second ordinance would amend the Sanilac Township Zoning Ordinance to define short-term rentals, allow short-term rentals in the AR, LR, and C zoning districts, establish separation requirements, and outline parking requirements.

Public Comments:

Adam Young (Wade Trim) gave a short synopsis of the proposed draft. The first packet pages 1-3 are amendments to the Sanilac Township Zoning ordinance, and the second packet pages 1-9 is a short-term rental licensing ordinance. He went on to explain the different aspects of each section. Rick Scavarda asked about fees for rental companies, the number of residential lots in the township, and how the maximum number of 160 was determined.

Carol Seifferlein asked about restricting rentals mainly along M25 or more along the lakefront. She also asked about parking spaces and how to report problems.

Ann DeLodder asked about parking with two existing rentals side-by-side.

Justin Faber asked about someone getting a license just to keep their neighbor from getting one.

Mike Preston asked about being 20 ft. from another rental and the 300 ft. rule. He also asked about an open area with tents becoming a short-term rental, and what the short-term rental fees would be.

Bob Dear asked for a friend who could not attend about the 300 ft. rule and rentals on the other side of the road, and to clarify the wording of the 29 days.

Public Hearing Closed by Chair John Goike at 6:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear
Secretary