

Minutes
Sanilac Township Planning Commission

November 20, 2024 6:00 PM
Sanilac Township Hall
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

Meeting Called to Order at 6:02 PM by Chair John Goike
Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Denise Bush, Bob Dear, Dan Finn, John Goike, Branden Mack,
Mike Preston, Board Representative Tammy Massman

Absent: Zoning Administrator Kurtis Steeb

Guests: None

New Board Representative Tammy Massman introduced herself to the members of the Planning Commission.

Additions to the Agenda: Parks & Recreation Master Plan added to New Business

Approve Agenda: *Motion by D. Finn, seconded by D. Bush, “to approve the agenda with the addition of Parks & Recreation Master Plan under New Business,” Motion passed*

Public Comment/Communications: None

Approve Minutes:

Motion by B. Mack, seconded by D. Bush to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting”; Motion passed

Board Representative Report: None

Zoning Administrator Report:

October Permits: (3)

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| 1. 2825 S. Lakeshore Rd. | Shed (10’ x 20’) | (Approved) |
| 2. 6756 Derby Rd. | Home Addition (16’ x 16’) | (Approved) |
| 3. 1195 S. Lakeshore Rd. | Home Addition (732 sq ft) w/patio | (Approved) |

Accept the Reports:

Motion by T. Massman, seconded by B. Dear, “to accept the reports,” Motion passed

Old Business:

1. Master Plan Update: D. Bush is continuing with the updates of the language in the “Goals and Objectives”. She mentioned that she is doing a parallel rewrite and is condensing some of the strategies and eliminating some that are no longer relevant. D. Finn discussed his concerns with the language in the current Master Plan and the Future Lane Use Map concerning parks and recreation that hasn’t been addressed over the past 12 years. His concern is that we should be referencing and following up with the language that is written, while using current data from the survey. He presented the same concerns to the Township Board at their meeting on November 14. There was also a discussion about a possible rezoning of some land along the lakeshore for parks and recreation.

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2. Wind, Solar, and Draft of the Battery Storage Facility: J. Goike handed out an article about the County Board of Commissioners along with other counties in the state challenging the MPSC on PA 233. D. Bush and M. Preston presented an ordinance they had drafted for a battery storage facility. Commissioners discussed updating the wind and solar ordinances at the same time to present all three together at a public hearing. M. Preston and D. Bush will email copies of the battery storage facility draft for commissioners to review before next month's meeting.

3. Lakeshore District Noise Ordinance: B. Dear handed out copies of the noise ordinance that he and B. Mack had drafted. The ordinance would regulate noise disturbances from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the lakeshore residential district, focusing specifically on construction and amplified sound. The discussion following was mainly about whether or not the ordinance could be just for the lakeshore residential district only, or if it should be for the township as a whole while excluding agricultural operations. J. Goike will meet with the township attorney to clarify the rezoning and noise ordinance issues. The ordinance was tabled for future consideration.

New Business:

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan: D. Finn discussed the importance of having a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the township in order to secure funding for future projects. The plan is to do research and gather data and information before the December meeting. D. Bush will contact Virginia McNab about the status of the CYO property along the lakeshore, and D. Finn will talk with county board of commissioners and others about possible cooperation and funding to see what can be done to utilize local resources.

Public Comment: None

Upcoming Scheduled Meetings:

Regular meeting - Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn by T. Massman seconded by M. Preston

Meeting Adjourned: by Chair John Goike at 7:48 PM

Submitted by: Bob Dear
Planning Commission Secretary