

Minutes
Sanilac Township Planning Commission

March 4, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Electronic Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: (824 1645 7251)
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Meeting Called to Order by Chair C. Falls at 6:00 P.M.

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

Additions to the Agenda: None

Approve the Agenda: *Motion by Milarch, seconded by Goike, to approve the agenda; motion carried*

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes:

November 5, 2020 Regular Meeting: *Motion by Milarch, seconded by Goike, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020 meeting; motion carried*

Zoning Administrator Report:

Three (3) land use permits issued for January & February:

1. January – 32 ft. x 72 ft. storage shed at 2594 S. Lakeshore Rd.
2. February – 10 ft. x 18 ft. storage shed at 6700 E. Sanilac Rd.
3. February – deck replacement/repair at 2825 S. Lakeshore Rd.

Zoning Administrator Milarch said that some people don't know they need a permit for small storage sheds like the ones built by the Amish. He recommended sending out a newsletter this spring to make the public aware that this is a zoned community, and permits are required.

Old Business:

Home Occupation-Marijuana Ordinance:

Noelke gave an update on the Township Board's opinion that we should not pursue the Home Occupation-Marijuana Ordinance any further until all legal challenges have worked their way through the court system.

New Business:

1. Approve Planning Commission Calendar for 2021:

Chair Falls mentioned that for next year's calendar we may want to consider meeting quarterly rather than monthly, if the Planning Commission bylaws allow.

Motion by Noelke, seconded by Milarch "to approve the Planning Commission calendar as presented for the current year 2021"; motion carried

2. Setbacks for Accessory Buildings in Agricultural/Residential Zoning:

Zoning Administrator Milarch stated that he had suggested amending the ordinance to allow accessory buildings to be closer to a property line than 25 ft. Then looking at the ordinance further in Section 5.2 (4) A., he realized that this section did allow such buildings

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to be closer to the property line in the rear yard. There was also a short discussion about living areas above a garage, and that topic will be on next months agenda.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Falls at 6:20 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear
Secretary