

**Minutes**  
**Sanilac Township Planning Commission**

July 1, 2021  
Sanilac Township Hall  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

**Meeting Called to Order** by Chairman J. Goike at 7:02 P.M.

**Members Present:** Chairman J. Goike, B. Dear, C. Falls, 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 “to approve the agenda”; seconded by Noelke;  
*motion carried*

**Public Comment:** None

**Approve Minutes:**

June 3, 2021 Regular Meeting: *Motion* by Noelke “to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2021 regular meeting”; seconded by Milarch; *motion carried*

**Board Representative Report:**

Noelke mentioned that he had sent an email to the Township Board members that we would be discussing the marijuana secondary electrical service tonight. He felt that the board seems to be supportive overall. He will ask the board about emails for planning commission members in case of a FOIA request.

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

1. 6245 E. Walker: 24 ft x 24 ft addition over garage
2. 1460 N. Ridge: fence
3. 1761 Lakeshore: 20 ft x 24 addition
4. 7230 Frenchline Rd. ground mount solar
5. 1755 S. Lakeshore Rd. 28 ft x 4 ft and 18 ft x 9 ft decks
6. 1535 S. Lakeshore 12.87 Kilowatt roof mount solar panels
7. 6065 Hyde Rd. 30 ft above ground pool, and 70 ft fence to cover cars
8. 6115 Applegate Rd. 60 ft x 96 ft shed

ZA Milarch mentioned that the Health Dept. has now gotten involved with the situation at 2819 S. Lakeshore Rd. because of complaints. There has been very little or no activity lately. He also mentioned that he has been zoning administrator for a year now and things are going well. He has issued 41 permits in the past year.

**Accept the Reports:**

*Motion* by Milarch “to accept the reports as presented”, seconded by Falls, **motion carried**

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**Old Business:**

Sections 3.4 Issuance of Citations and 3.10 Violations and Penalties: Discussion about changes that may need to be made in these ordinances to make them less threatening. General feeling was that enforcement was a big issue, since there is no local police department. Decided to wait and see what the township board feelings were before making any changes. Noelke will bring the issue before the board at their next meeting.

Marijuana Ordinance-Secondary Electrical Service: Goike mentioned that he had talked to representatives from DTE about the issue with marijuana growers getting around ordinance issues. They have done similar programs for other communities that have had the same type of problems. Mike Ricci, a representative from DTE is scheduled to attend our next meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> to give a presentation and answer questions.

**New Business:**

Annual Report: Dear brought up the issue of an annual report for the planning commission. The Michigan Planning Enabling Act and our own bylaws require an annual report from the planning commission be presented to the Township Board. There was a discussion about what to include in such a report. General feeling was that by doing such a report we would be meeting the requirement, and possibly making it easier to get grants for future endeavors.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 7:00 PM

**Motion to Adjourn** by M. Milarch

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chairman Goike at 7:55 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary