

Minutes
Sanilac Township Planning Commission

September 2, 2021
Sanilac Township Hall
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman J. Goike at 7:00 P.M

Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Noelke “to approve the agenda”; seconded by Falls; ***motion carried***

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes:

August 5, 2021 Regular Meeting: *Motion* by M. Milarch “to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 regular meeting”; seconded by Steeb; ***motion carried***

Board Representative Report:

Noelke reported that the Township Board will be setting up emails for all of the Planning Commission members, although not sure when that will happen. The Township Board is also in favor of an ordinance requiring permits for any secondary electrical service, and amending Section 3.10 on Violations and Penalties.

Zoning Administrator July Report:

1. 1065 N. Lakeshore Rd. a 30' x 50' pole barn
2. 7094 Washington Rd. a 24' x 40' addition

ZA Milarch reported that he has had three calls in the last month about growing marijuana in the township. He referred them to our Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments Ordinance, and said that he felt this should be sufficient for medical marijuana as well. He also mentioned that we should call the Michigan Township Association for free advice with any questions.

Accept the Reports:

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

Old Business:

Marijuana Ordinance-Secondary Electrical Service: Chairman Goike handed out several sample ordinances that he had received from DTE Rep. Mike Ricci regarding electrical service

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high amperage requests. Noelke referred to the article in the Sanilac County News about the Marlette Township ordinance on high amperage request, and caregiver cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes. There was a lengthy discussion about each of these topics. Members also looked at an article from Michigan Township Association, and the Home Occupation-Marijuana ordinance from the Village of Port Sanilac. Chairman Goike asked everyone to review these documents again before next month's meeting. Noelke will get clarification from the Township Board and attorney on several issues.

Violations and Penalties Section 3.10 Discussion about changing the misdemeanor penalty in the first sentence to a civil infraction, and eliminating the penalty of jail time mentioned in this section as well. One concern was to make sure that violators would still pay for any court costs involved. Dear will write a draft of the first sentence with these changes in mind for consideration at the next meeting.

New Business: None

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021 7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn by M. Milarch

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Goike at 8:15 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear
Planning Commission Secretary