

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

November 4, 2021  
Sanilac Township Hall  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

**Meeting Called to Order** by Chairman J. Goike at 6:04 P.M

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Members Present:** Chairman J. Goike, B. Dear, M. Milarch,  
Board Representative B. Noelke, Zoning Administrator R. Milarch,  
**Absent:** C. Falls and K. Steeb                      Guests: One (1)

**Additions to the Agenda:**None

**Approve the Agenda:** *Motion “to approve the agenda” by M. Milarch; seconded by B. Noelke; motion carried*

**Public Comment:** Guest Dan Finn mentioned the idea of a bike/walking path from Port Sanilac to Carsonville going by the CPS High School/Middle School building to give students from both villages the option of biking or walking to school. It was recommended that he bring it up before the Township Board.

**Approve Minutes:**

*Motion “to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 regular meeting” by B. Noelke; seconded by M. Milarch; motion carried*

**Board Representative Report:** Nothing to Report

**Zoning Administrator October Report:**

1. 6667 Custer Rd. - four (4) shipping containers
2. 5379 Custer Rd. - motor home port
3. 880 S. Lakeshore Rd. - new deck
4. 6715 Custer Rd. – 32’ x 48’ pole barn

ZA R. Milarch mentioned that in the long term we may want to think about how we regulate some smaller items such as a dog house, tent, plastic greenhouse, etc. by adding some latitude to either allow them or make it more regulated one way or the other.

**Accept the Reports:**

**Motion “to accept the reports as presented” by B. Noelke; seconded by M. Milarch; motion carried**

**Old Business:**

Marijuana Ordinance - Secondary Electrical Service & Home Occupation: Chairman J. Goike met with attorney David Hearsch to provide him with the document from the Village of Port Sanilac Home Occupation ordinance, and the draft of the amendment to Section 3.10 about

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Violations and Penalties from the township ordinance. Chairman Goike and Board Representative Noelke met later with attorney Hearsch to review these documents. Attorney Hearsch had rewritten and condensed “Medical Use of Marijuana as a Home Occupation” adding it as Section 5.6.1 to our ordinance, and said he felt the limiting of amps to any electrical service was a regulatory issue that should be handled by the Township Board rather than the Planning Commission. He also felt the amendment to Section 3.10 on Violations and Penalties was okay as written. No action taken so that all commission members could have a chance to review these documents. Noelke will take the issue of any secondary electrical service to the Township Board.

Violations and Penalties Section 3.10: Brief discussion with no action taken until all commissioners could have a chance to review.

Planning Commission Email Accounts: Brief explanation of how to set up accounts, and also the concern about not being able to change passwords.

**New Business:**

HB 4722 Short Term Rentals: Bill has passed the House and was sent on to the Senate. MTA does not endorse this bill because it takes away local control of the issue. One-third of the homes in a township or village would be eligible to be rented out.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 6:00 PM

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion** “to adjourn” by M. Milarch; seconded by B. Noelke; **motion carried**

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chairman Goike at 6:52 P.M.

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary