

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

August 4, 2022  
Sanilac Township Hall  
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

**Meeting Called to Order** by Chair John Goike at 7:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Bob Dear, Corinne Falls, John Goike, Branden Mack,  
Zoning Administrator Kurtis Steeb

**Guests:** (7) Mary Ann Milarch, Clara Milarch, Macy Milarch, Suzanne Shagena,  
Doug Shagena, Dan Finn, Chris Kress

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Approve the Agenda:**

*“Motion to approve the agenda” by C. Falls; seconded by B. Dear; motion carried*

**Resolution of Recognition for Mary Ann Milarch:**

Chair John Goike read the following resolution of recognition for Mary Ann Milarch:

***A Resolution of the Sanilac Township Planning Commission  
recognizing Mary Ann Milarch for her dedicated service to  
the Planning Commission***

*WHEREAS, Mary Ann Milarch, hereafter referred to as Mary Ann, devoted her time and expertise to serving Sanilac Township in the capacity of Planning Commission member for more than 20 years;*

*WHEREAS, Mary Ann served as secretary of the Planning Commission for a number of years;*

*WHEREAS, during her service Mary Ann provided valuable insight, perspective, and guidance to the Planning Commission;*

*WHEREAS, because of her fairness, sincerity, sense of humor, and good fellowship, she earned the respect and affection of past and current Planning Commission members and colleagues;*

*WHEREAS, the members of the Sanilac Township Planning Commission are extremely grateful for Mary Ann’s many contributions to Sanilac Township and its residents;*

*WHEREAS, the Sanilac Township Planning Commission members seek to publicly recognize Mary Ann’s commitment, dedication, and valuable contributions to Sanilac Township and its residents;*

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*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sanilac Township Planning Commission acknowledges and extends its gratitude to Mary Ann for her distinguished service to the Sanilac Township Planning Commission and her lasting contributions to Sanilac Township. The members of the Planning Commission will miss your presence as a colleague.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is saved in the permanent records of the Sanilac Township Planning Commission.*

Following the reading, Mary Ann thanked the Planning Commission for the lovely comments, and said that she and Corinne Falls lived in the country and were representing the farmers.

**Public Comment:** Dan Finn mentioned that he had a PDF of a Power Point showing the Ludington short-term rental ordinance to share with the Planning Commission.

**Approve Minutes:**

*“Motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022 Regular Meeting” by C. Falls; seconded by Branden Mack; motion carried*

**Board Representative Report:** None

**Zoning Administrator July Report:**

1. 1340 N Lakeshore Rd 352 Sq. ft. addition (Approved)
2. 5343 Frenchline Rd 2088 Sq. ft. new house and ¼ acre pond (Approved)
3. 1215 N Lakeshore Rd removal of storage building & new 24' x 40' garage (Approved)
4. 2130 S Ridge Rd 76' x 120' barn (Approved)

Zoning Administrator K. Steeb also mentioned that he has had several phone calls recently inquiring about short-term rentals. He said that people want to know if they can buy a place in the township and then rent it.

**Accept the Reports:**

*“Motion to accept the report as presented” by B. Dear; seconded by B. Mack; motion carried*

**Old Business:**

Short Term Rentals: B. Mack distributed copies of Traverse City’s rental administrative policy on grandfathering of a development, and their opposition to House Bill 4722. He also distributed copies of a Power Point of the city of Ludington’s Short-term Rental Draft Regulations, and a list of 17 local rental properties in Sanilac Township showing their cost per night and summer profits. He mentioned that Traverse City only allows a percentage of airbnb’s, and only 2 per block. Ludington requires registration, inspections, a local agent that lives within 30 miles, and only allows a maximum of 100 short-term rentals in the city. There was a short discussion about whether we need to regulate the whole township, or just the

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Lakeshore/Residential area, and having a sub-committee of 3 meet to start on a draft of a short-term rental ordinance.

**New Business:**

1. Planning Commission Annual Report: A discussion of what to include in this year's annual report.
  
2. Master Plan Review: Tabled until next month's meeting to get more information.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**Motion to Adjourn**

*"Motion to adjourn and have cake"* by B. Dear, seconded by C. Falls

**Meeting Adjourned** by Chair J. Goike at 7:40 P.M.

Following the meeting there was a time of refreshment with cake to celebrate with Mary Ann on her retirement from the Planning Commission.

Submitted by: Bob Dear  
Planning Commission Secretary