

Superior Township Planning and Zoning Committee
Brimley, Michigan 49715
March 8, 2022

Minutes

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Elgon Ellis, Jo Harris, Matthew Maki, Rick Orsborne, John Waisanen

Absent: George Kinsella

Motion to approve agenda

Motion to approve: John

Motion seconded: Rick

Motion carried unanimously

Minutes from February 8, 2022.

Motion to approve: Rick

Motion seconded: Jo

Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment (3 Minutes per commenter).

Old Business. Continuing actions as indicated by italicized text.

1. Status of old (1919) Ordinance regarding animal noise, number of animals. *In progress*
2. County Animal Control Officer recommendations for updated ordinance. *In progress*
3. Passmore building pending Township Attorney recommendations. *Certified letter from Attorney. Blight issue, property owner provided a written letter stating the issue will be resolved this year. What remains is provision of a timeline for completion this year.*
4. Discussion about Grosbeck, an unimproved and undeveloped road, and whether the ten feet setback applies when a property owner places a structure and is making improvements on that structure without a building permit or Zoning Administrator prior approval. *Developing letter with attorney to summarize process, plans to date, and way forward steps by May 1, 2022.*
5. Communications Tower update: *the process is moving forward with more to follow.*
6. Small Arms firing range (Jerrid McCoy) will coordinate with Zoning Administrator. *To date there has not been further coordination with the Zoning Administrator.*

New Business

1. Zoning Administrator Report: summarized above under "Old Business".
2. The Zoning Administrator identified pending height measurements on a canopy.

Additional Business

1. Presentation by Bill Schide from Baird Street, Brimley, who related his concerns regarding five lots in the Jordan Beach. His concerns were shared or voiced similarly by other members of the public in attendance (8 total). Other issues were raised, but this summarizes salient issues.

His query addressed several pending Planning and Zoning Committee proposed recommendations to the Township Ordinance now in the hands of the Township Board. The Planning Zoning Committee (PZC) did not recognize the present meeting as the appropriate venue for discussion of the draft Ordinance for several reasons:

- A. The PZC had completed recommended revisions in February 2021.
 - B. The recommended revisions had been provided electronically to the PZC liaison and to the Township secretary to enable distribution of hard copies if needed and to facilitate additions or deletions as the Township Board reviews the draft Ordinance, necessary before setting a date to provide copy(ies) to the public and publish notification for public input and questions. The Ordinance would supersede the existing Ordinance based on an effective date for implementation after the process has been completed.
 - C. The PZC is concerned that copies of the draft recommendations are already in the possession of an unknown number of individuals not serving on either the Planning and Zoning Committee or the Township Board. The draft Ordinance is subject to further changes before the draft reaches final form and the required public meeting. Only confusion can follow if there are two or more drafts circulating before the public meeting.
2. The Zoning Administrator announced there is pending a new ordinance regarding marijuana In the Township, said ordinance to be provided for the PZC to consider. Absent having the ordinance proposal in hand for review, the PZC deferred further discussion until the committee has the document in hand.
 3. The next scheduled meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6 p.m., Smart House

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Jo

Motion seconded: John

Motion carried unanimously at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully,

Matthew Maki
Secretary, Acting Chair