

Superior Township Planning and Zoning Committee
Brimley, Michigan 49715
November 9, 2021

Call to order: Matt Maki called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Ken Belk, Elgon Ellis, Jo Harris, George Kinsella, Matthew Maki, Rick Orsborne

Absent: N/A

Motion to approve agenda

Motion to approve: George

Motion seconded: Elgon

Motion approved

Minutes from October 12, 2021.

Motion to approve: George

Motion seconded: Elgon

Motion approved

Public Comment (3 Minutes per commenter).

Old Business. The following had updated taken as indicated by italicized text.

1. Status of Township Ordinance update since forwarded to the Township Board. *Pending*
2. Status of old (1919) Ordinance regarding animal noise, number of animals. *In progress*
3. County Animal Control Officer recommendations for updated Ordinance. *In progress*
4. County Health Department and Superior Township *continuing review* of unauthorized, unmonitored water system operating within the authorized Township water system, and the disposition of a not yet removed, still in-place septic tank that was addressed in 2019. *The jurisdiction for addressing this issue is the Township DPW water board. Elgon will notify that body of this so they may take this up at their next meeting.*
5. Passmore building pending Township Attorney recommendations.
Following discussion during the Planning Meeting November 8, 2021 at the Township Hall, the planning committee made the following recommendation:
Motion: (Jo) *Superior Township should move forward with the letter from the Township Attorney to the Passmores in reference to the blighted buildings in downtown Brimley.*
Motion seconded, (Elgon) Motion carried
6. Discussion about Grosbeck, an unimproved and undeveloped road, and whether the 10 foot 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. Because the property owner does not own the unimproved and undeveloped road adjacent to his property the 10 foot setback restriction applies and the property owner must obtain proper documentation to authorize placing the structure in violation of the 10 foot set back, or remove the portion of the structure not in compliance with the requirement. *Progress status: The Committee discussed the possibility of having the Township Attorney present at a meeting to be determined that would include the Planning Zoning Committee, Zoning Administrator, and the property owner.*

New Business

Zoning Administrator Report:

1. The Zoning Administrator assessed a \$100 fine for violation and noncompliance with the ordinance requiring Zoning Administrator approval, building permit, and compliance with the 10 foot setback in accordance with Article 17, Section 17.04 (B), page 105.
2. A second fine of \$200 against the same individual (item 1) for continued noncompliance with the Township Ordinance is being assessed.
3. For the above individual, a building permit may be issued after paying the cumulative \$300 in fines and a penalty equaling twice the cost of a building permit.

Additional Business

Next scheduled meetings:

Tuesday, December 14, 6 p.m. at the Township Hall (Zoning)

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Matthew Maki

Secretary, Acting Chair,
Planning and Zoning Committee