

Superior Township Planning and Zoning Committee  
Brimley, Michigan 49715  
May 10, 2022

Minutes

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Jo Harris, George Kinsella, Matthew Maki, John Waisanen, Rick Orsborne

**Absent:** Elgon Ellis (out of town in lower Michigan)

**Motion to approve agenda**

Motion to approve: George

Motion seconded: Jo

Motion carried unanimously

**Minutes from April 12, 2022.**

Motion to approve: John

Motion seconded: Jo

Motion carried unanimously

**Public Comment** (3 Minutes per commenter). No comments this evening.

**Old Business.** Continuing actions as shown by italicized text. No changes.

1. Status of old (1919) Ordinance about 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 supplied a written letter saying the issue will be resolved this year for all the properties in question.*
4. Communications Tower update: *the process is moving forward with more to follow.*

**New Business**

1. Zoning Administrator Report: two building permits issued, talks with various people about yard clean up.

2. Zoning Administrator Resignation effective 8 p.m. 05102022 as Superior Township Zoning Administrator. Rick has performed his duties in a thorough, exemplary manner during his entire tenure as Zoning Administrator. His significant service and effective personal and professional diligence were instrumental in moving Superior Township forward in implementing the existing Zoning Ordinance, offering recommendations during on-going revisions and updating, and demonstrating tenacity and flexibility in conducting numberless follow-up conversations. We regret losing a public servant of Rick's proven caliber. Thank you, Rick, for a job well done.

**Additional Business**

1. Making other changes to language in the proposed Township Ordinance before uploading the document for public review preparatory to a public meeting.

- ability to rebuild on an existing non-compliant footprint so long as the new structure does not increase any non-compliant factors.
  
- ability to rebuild on an existing non-compliant footprint with a smaller structure that may be less non-compliant.
  
- ability to build a new structure on a lot so long as it meets set back requirements.
  
- allowable height should be standardized with a specific measure instead of needing to be approved on an individual case-by-case basis.

2. Distributed copies of the Detour, Pickford, Clark Townships Ordinance in reference To Marihuana Grow Operations.

The intent in making this distribution is for the Superior Township Planning and Zoning Committee to compare two separate ordinances.

- a. one from Charter Township of Kinross to prohibit Marihuana growth operations
- b. one from Detour, Pickord, Clark Townships to allow Marihuana growth operations

Process. The Planning and Zoning Committee review enables members to examine the two ordinances, conduct their own research and analysis of the merits or demerits of each, becoming conversant with the essentials of each ordinance, and then to meet and discuss their findings to decide the best course of action for Superior Township.

General Timeline, subject to modification.

May 10, 2022: distribute the two ordinances to the committee for individual review, fact-finding, and development of possible courses of action.

August 8, 2022: Planning meeting specifically for discussion of the two ordinances to reach consensus for the next step to develop a preferred course of action.

November 7, 2022: Developing a draft of an ordinance for Superior Township that either permits, prohibits, or otherwise regulates Marihuana growth operations in the township.

3. The next scheduled meetings are as follows:

Zoning. Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6 p.m. Smart House

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully,

Matthew Maki  
Acting Chair  
Secretary