

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

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Elgon Ellis (member), Jo Harris (member), Matthew Maki (Secretary),
John Waisanen (Chair)

Absent: Susanne Kniskern (board liaison), Lori Busha (Zoning Administrator)

Motion to approve agenda

Motion to approve: Jo

Motion seconded: Elgon

Motion carried

Minutes from October 11, 2022

Motion to approve: John

Motion seconded: Jo

Motion carried

Minutes from Planning Meeting, November 7, 2022

Motion to approve: John

Motion seconded: Jo

Public Comment (3 Minutes per commenter)

Mr. Joe Samp commented that while his many dogs made a lot noise, particularly when they were being fed, he had a neighbor that fired weapons or honked his vehicle horn at other times, causing the dogs to break out in barking and for Mr. Samp to have concerns about his safety or that of his dogs.

Old Business.

Update of continuing actions in Zoning Administrators report

New Business

- 1. Zoning Administrators Report / New items**
- 2. Update on Joe Samp property**

3. Update: Marijuana Grow Operations. Extensive review and discussion occurred during the November 7, 2022 Planning meeting regarding potential liability issues with Marijuana operations in Superior Township.

Process.

The Planning and Zoning Committee review enables members to examine relevant ordinances, conduct its own research and analysis of the merits or demerits of marijuana growth or related actions, become conversant with the essentials of environmental, geographical and community criteria, and discuss findings before making a recommendation for the best course of action for Superior Township.

General Timeline, *subject to modification.*

February 13, 2023: Begin developing concepts regarding ordinance for Superior Township that permits, prohibits or otherwise regulates Marijuana grow/sale operations in the township.

May 8 ,2023 Possible completion / development of draft ordinance.

Other Business

Discussion about reviewing a possible rezoning of some currently zoned agricultural land to be rezoned as residential rural. This will be brought up at the next regularly scheduled Zoning meeting, December 13, 2022 for additional discussion.

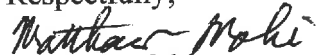
The next scheduled meetings are:

Zoning Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6 p.m. Township Hall

Planning Monday February 13, 2023, 6 p.m. Township Hall

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully,


Matthew Maki

Secretary

Planning and Zoning Committee

Zoning Administrator Report

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Lori Busha - Zoning Administrator

Old Business

- Samp blight concerns. An audio tape of the dogs barking at night was texted to me on 10/28. The noise was terrifying and went on for 5 minutes. The Animal Shelter was contacted. They agreed that the dog issue is more than noise and will work together to get this resolved. Samp has been ordered to reduce the number of dogs to 10 dogs by the Animal shelter. This will take some time, as the shelter can only accommodate a few at a time. The water that is being pumped from the dog pens will be tested for urine, etc., as he is pumping this into the road ditch. There is a follow-up visit to check progress on 11/15. Samp will be contacted prior to the visit to let him know that it will be another township employee or employees coming. This item is open.
- Passmore blight concern is pending. New owners plan on using this property for vehicle storage. No further updates. This item is open.
- Bunchek property blight on Baird Street, progress. Due to Co-vid her timeline was extended. She has started some cleanup, site visit on 10/4 showed some progress. Called for final plan to get rid of the camper on 10/20 and left a message, no word back yet. A site visit is planned for 11/17 to see if the camper and blight is fully cleaned up. Refer to Site Visit Report. This item is open
- Simpkin property blight on M221. I received a phone call regarding his plan for this property. He will continue to clean up around the house and garage, smaller item like getting rid of pallets and taking out the trees/schrubs, etc. His plan is to get the car removed this fall. The plan to tear down the house will start in the spring. I'll do another progress check by July 15th. He will have the whole thing torn down by September 30th. This item is open.
- Morgan property blight on Green Street, in progress. Spoke to Morgan on 10/12. Her plan is to get the garage emptied out in Apr/May timeframe and use the Twp Cleanup Day to get rid of the junk in the garage. Then she will have the garage torn down, roughly June timeframe. This item is open.
- Harding property blight on Green Street. After several MTA and Twp Attorney calls, we have sent the registered letter of the blight to Harding's bank, as that is where his taxes are paid. The registered letter has had 1 delivery attempt. This item is open.
- Krutz Building Violation– Informed Krutz that his partial structure would need to be taken down, as it is in the ROW and does not meet setback criteria. Site Visit followup scheduled for 10/14. This item is open.
- Tagerson S Bear Rd, Blight Complaint – Blight letter was sent and Tagerson responded to the letter with a plan to have all of the blight fixed within a month. He came into the twp office and spoke to Bill about the blight that he has cleaned up last week. This concern is progressing well. The follow-up site visit is scheduled for 11/17. This item is open.
- Twork Irish Line Inquiry – The owner attended the October Zoning meeting to discuss her concerns. The Twp Clerk provided her the form to fill out for a variance. She will submit a variance in the spring. This item is closed.

New Business

- Terri Forrest – 10/13/22 - M28 – Review, site visit, and approval of zoning for a shed. This item is closed.
- Tilson Road Property Inquiry – 10/17 – Century 21 inquired about the zoning and potential for building a home on this property. The property is zoned Agricultural and is over 20 acres, so a home can be built on it. I emailed him additional information about the zoning for the Agricultural district. This item is closed.
- Old Brimley Grade Property Inquiry – 10/19/2022 – Zoned Agricultural. The property is 400 acres, but is classified as Forestry land. The land would need to have at least 20 acres declassified as Forestry so that it could be built on. This item is closed.
- M28 Inquiry to Build a Home – 10/19/2022 – This property is in the Business/Mixed Use district with 13+ acres. There will be a well and septic and a home can be built on the property. An email was sent with information about this district. This item is closed.