

Superior Township Planning and Zoning Committee  
Brimley, Michigan 49715  
October 11, 2022

Minutes

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

**Present:** Elgon Ellis (member), John Waisanen (chair), Susanne Kniskern (Board liaison),  
Matthew Maki (Secretary), Lori Busha (Zoning Administrator)

**Absent:** Jo Harris (member)

**Motion to approve agenda**

Motion to approve: Matt

Motion seconded: Susanne

Motion carried unanimously

**Minutes from September 13,2022**

Motion to approve: Elgon

Motion seconded: John

Motion carried unanimously

**Public Comment** (3 Minutes per commenter).

**Old Business.**

Update of continuing actions in Zoning Administrators report

**New Business**

**1. Zoning Administrators Report / New items**

2.. **Update:** Marijuana Grow Operations. Extensive review and discussion occurred during the August 8<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting as to the pros and cons of “Opting In”.

Next step is to review and discuss the pros and cons of continuing / updating the current Township Ordinance which “Opts Out”.

Discuss potential liability issues in regard to “opting in” / “opting out”

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.*

November 7, 2022: Review and Discuss the pros and cons of continuing / updating the current Township “Opt out” ordinance. Discuss potential liability issues in regards to “opting in” / “opting out”.

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**

Lori is going to speak to MTA about who is allowed to address her ongoing blight issues in her absence. Also, Lori is going to speak to MTA to get information on the possibility of cleaning up the Harding property and charging it back to the homeowner. What are the proper procedures and documentation that have to take place before the township does the cleanup and chargeback?

The next scheduled meeting is:

Planning Tuesday, November 7, 2022, 6 p.m. Township Hall

Zoning Monday, November 8, 2022, 6 p.m. Township Hall

**Adjournment.** There being no further business the Zoning Committee adjourned at 6: 40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Matthew Maki

Secretary

Planning and Zoning Committee

## **Zoning Administrator Report**

**October 11, 2022 Meeting**

**Lori Busha - Zoning Administrator**

### **Old Business**

- Samp blight concerns. Township Attorney called me to get an update on blight concerns. Asked me to keep taking pictures of concerns. He also said that Amy was not to make a visit to the property. Follow up site visit to Samp property on 9/30/2022. Samp was not there at the time of the visit. Looked like progress was made, pile of wood chips was moved from the driveway. And there was some work being done on the trucks. I messaged Samp later to find out that he is expecting 8 more loads of wood chips, as he has used all of the others up. Samp's plan is to be done with the vehicles. He messaged me to come over November 15<sup>th</sup>. I'll need a representative to go and see if he has cleared the driveway. Refer to Site Visit Report. If it is not completed, I will issue a ticket. 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.
- Buncek property blight on Baird Street, progress. Due to Co-vid her timeline was extended. She has started some cleanup. Refer to Site Visit Report. This item is open
- Simpkin property blight on M221. I had a conversation with Simpkin at the property on 9/28/2022. He had not been to the property for several years. He was shocked with the condition of the property and buildings. I asked him to give me a plan/decision what he was going to do with this in 1 weeks time. I left a follow-up phone message on 10/8/2022. Simpkin called me back. I will meet with him on Wednesday/Thursday this week. This item is open.
- Morgan property blight on Green Street, in progress. Follow-up Site visit 9/29/2022, mobile home egress issues have not been addressed. Grass was addressed. I took pictures and sent an email to J. Morgan (10/3/2022) to get a response on what she will do with the garage and open skirting & window on the mobile home. No response yet. This item is open.
- Harding property blight on Green Street. Township Board has approved and allocated \$350 dollars to use a process server for hard-to-find property owners. Lori to follow-up with Twp Attorney regarding whether Zoning Violations can be left posted to the door after the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt. Last information indicates he may be in Westland, MI. This item is open.

### **New Business**

- Mike Smith – Ojala Rd Inquiry – Would like to build a “duplex-like” home on 20 acre property. Zoned Agricultural- allows multiple dwellings. Emailed response back 9/12/2022. This item is closed.
- Shenandoah Foreclosure Property – Bastian new owners –Only a temporary shed is allowed during construction, as the site is non-conforming and there is no footprint for a shed. Emailed response. This item is closed. New item – Progress on renovation revealed that the house will need to be torn down. Interesting in knowing about what they can do. Emailed back response that can build on the existing footprint.
- Schwartz Sign Complaints 9/23/2022– Multiple Garage Sale sign located in Road ROW for multiple months. Garage Sale signs can only be up for 2 weeks a calendar year. Site visit and letter stating the Sign Ordinance were given to Schwartz. He removed his signs. Signs that are on his property are not a concern. This item is closed.
- Holsworth Temporary Structure – Investigation and approval of temporary structure on 9906 W. Township Lane was approved. This item is closed.

- Krutz Building Violation 10/4/2022 – Informed of building going up on Lakeshore Drive that could be in the Road ROW. The partial building is 46 ft from the center of the road. Further investigation needs to be done. Letter mailed to owner regarding building violation. No response yet. This item is open.
- Tagerson S Bear Rd, Blight Complaint 10/6/2022 – Site visit and pictures taken of blight concerns. The owner was not at the property and may not be living there. Refer to Site Visit Report. Lori will follow-up with Blight letter to owner. This item is open.
- Twork Irish Line Inquiry 10/7/2022 – Owner wants to put a Mobile Home on the property but only has 4+ acres and is located in the Agricultural District (which has 20-acre minimums for placing a home). This is the second inquiry in the same area of Irish Line Road, for someone wanting to put up a home. Need insight / discuss with Zoning Board. This item is open.

**Note:** The Zoning Administrator will be out of Town October 21 – December 12, 2022, who do I provide my files to for follow-up and site visits.