

Superior Township Zoning Committee
Brimley, Michigan 49715
June 13, 2023
Minutes

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present : Sherry Bertram (member), Matthew Maki (member),
Lori Busha (Zoning Administrator), John Waisanen (Township Board Liaison)

Absent : Elgon Ellis (member)

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve: John
Motion seconded: Sherry
Motion carried unanimously

Motion to Approve Minutes from May 9, 2023

Motion to approve: John
Motion seconded: Sherry
Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment (3 minutes per commenter)

New Business

1. Committee Composition (there is one vacancy)
 - a. Current Members
 - Elgon Ellis (member)
 - Matt Maki (member, secretary)
 - Lori Busha (Zoning Administrator)
 - Sherry Bertram (member)
 - John Waisanen (Liaison from the Township Board)
 - b. Farewell, with thanks for their great contributions to the committee and to the township!
 - Jo Harris (Township Clerk)
 - Susanne Kniskern (Township Treasurer and Office Administrator)
2. Variance Request before the Zoning Board of Appeals, public meeting scheduled July 12, 2023.
 - a. Subject: Hiawatha Telephone Company request for variance.
 - b. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) members: Bill Munsell (chair), Chris Whealy (secretary), Jim Sutton (member), Bill Kinsella (member), Matt Maki (liaison from Planning and Zoning)
3. Zoning Administrator Report (attached)

Other Business None

Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Zoning: July 11, 2023 6 p.m. Township Hall

Planning: August 7, 2023 6 p.m. Township Hall

Adjournment. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Matthew Maki
Secretary
Planning and Zoning Committee

Zoning Administrator Report

June 13, 2023 Meeting
Lori Busha - Zoning Administrator

Old Business

- Samp blight concerns. Message left letting Samp know that I was dropping off a flyer with the Cleanup Day information and Junk Vehicle information. Site visit planned for early July for progress update. I spoke to Holly at the animal shelter. Samp is no longer in violation of the adequate care law regarding his dogs. She will not be removing any of his dogs. She spoke to the Sheriff's department to see if there were any other laws pertaining to the dog issue. There are none. I followed up with the Sherriff's department to find out if there was any legal action that could be taken regarding the blight. The state laws put the responsibility onto the municipalities to handle this. After the site visit in July, if there is no progress then my recommendation is to pursue legal action. Additionally, based on the conversation with the sherriff's department, I recommend asking the board to revise the Noise Ordinance to make the concerns more actionable. This item is open.
- HTC blight concern. HTC said in the last meeting that they would be selling the building. I have not seen any action on this item. This item is open.
- Buncek property blight on Baird Street. Spoke to Buncek's daughter, she paid someone to clean up the lot, but they didn't do the job. She appreciated that I told her about the cleanup day. She is changing her work schedule so that she can take care of the concerns. The RV will be removed shortly afterwards, as material needs to be removed to move the RV. This item is open.
- Simpkin property blight on M221. Spoke to Simpkin and he starting addressing the yard concerns. Gave him a flyer with information to get rid of the junk vehicles. He is trying to see if he can get 2 weeks of vacation to take down the house. He took advantage of the clean-up day and got rid of some junk. I'll do another progress check by July 15th. He will have the whole thing torn down by September 30th. Next site visit will be mid July. This item is open.
- Morgan property blight on Green Street, in progress. Called and let know about the cleanup day. She is unable to get up here by then. Scheduled a meeting with her on June 19th to discuss the garage teardown. She is trying to hire someone to cut the grass. This item is open.
- Harding property blight on Green Street. I spoke to the Township Attorney again in the May Board meeting, to seek his help with this matter. He said that he would get back with me. Awaiting a call-back. No progress on this item to date. This item is open.
- Shields property blight on Kinsella Rd – Dropped off a flyer letting her know about the cleanup day. I also followed up with a call and left a message regarding the cleanup day. She got back to me on Friday. She is unable to get someone to help her take advantage of the cleanup day. She plans to burn most of the junk, but is unable to burn anything at this time. Shields said the junk will be burned by July. Site visit planned for late July to check progress. This item is open.

New Business

- Sheppard 9780 W.6Mile Road – Inquiry on zoning for property. Zoned Business Mixed Use. Emailed information on zone, the lot is nonconforming. This item is closed.
- Dalsky 7463 W 6Mile Road – Inquiry regarding zoning. Zoned Business Mixed Use. Replacing structure that burned down on nonconforming lot. The house will be in the same footprint of the original house. Zoning application was approved. This item is closed.
- Sampson 9868 Shenandoah – Inquiry to tear down a shed and replace with a bigger structure. Zoned Waterfront Residential. Information was emailed about the regulations in this zone along with a link to the

zoning application. Further inquiry about the road right-of-way was answered. No zoning application received. This is a nonconforming lot. This item is closed.

- Tremblay 8427 W. M28 – Inquiry regarding a basement on this property. Provided the zoning information for the Agricultural Zone and a link to the Building application. Received application for review and site visit, approved. This item is considered closed.
- Anderson 10207 W. Irish Line – Inquiry to build a deck. This property is zoned R1- Residential. Emailed back the zoning regulations and requested a building application. Pending application, if not received, will consider closed.
- Davis 9014 S. Lillian Rd – Inquiry regarding building a barn. Property located in Rural Residential zone. Emailed back regulations for that zone and link to building/zoning application. Pending application, if not received, will consider closed.
- Hutcheson 9508 Baird – Inquiry for a fence. Building Application completed and submitted for review and approval. This item is closed.
- Jere Farms 7557 W. M28 – Zoning inquiry for a greenhouse structure. Property is zoned Agricultural. Zoning application submitted and approved for this temporary structure.
- Noise Complaint against Nichols, 7964 M28. The dog noise occurred between 8AM and 10AM in the morning. This is outside of the ordinance, no site visit or violation noted.
- Noyce 8601 W. M28 – Zoning inquiry for a modular home in the Agricultural zone. Building/Zoning application submitted, site visit occurred, and application was approved. This item is considered closed.
- Eayou – M221 – Inquiry to add lean-to onto the Massage shop. Property Zoned Village Center. Zoning information was emailed and link to building/zoning application. Pending application, if not received, will consider closed.