

Superior Township Zoning Committee
Brimley, Michigan 49715
December 12, 2023

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

Present:

Mark Olsway (Member), Dianne Compo (Member), Cindy Wilson (Member), John Waisanen (Board Liasson), Sherry Bertram (Member), Lori Busha (Zoning Administrator)

Absent: All Present

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve: Dianne Compo

Motion seconded: Sherry Bertram

Motion approved: unanimously

Motion to Approve Minutes from November 14, 2023 Zoning Meeting

Motion to approve: John Waisanen

Motion seconded: Mark Olsway

Motion approved: - unanimously

Public Comment (3 minutes per commenter) none

Old Business: None

New Business: Zoning Board Report by Lori Busha

Lori talked specifically about two topics in her Zoning Administrator Report.

- 1) BMIC sent a letter stating that they intend to have the Passmore Hardware property demolished in Spring, 2024.
- 2) The West Lake Pilot Association will be meeting with the zoning committee in February, 2024, regarding their request for building on their current property. The Association will be coming to the meeting prepared to answer questions after talking with the Zoning Administrator.
- 3) Some discussion and clarification regarding the request for a variance from the township by the Bastians for their Shenandoah property. Lori updated what the variance request entailed and said the variance committee will be meeting to address this request on January 3, 2024.
Lori concluded her report.

New Business: Lori presented handouts regarding the new laws passed by Michigan, pertaining to windmill placements. These laws will affect zoning ordinances for Superior Township and will need to be discussed at the February, 2024 Planning Meeting.

John Waisanen asked the committee if they felt they (the committee) should just defer to Lori in the ordinance changes that may be required.

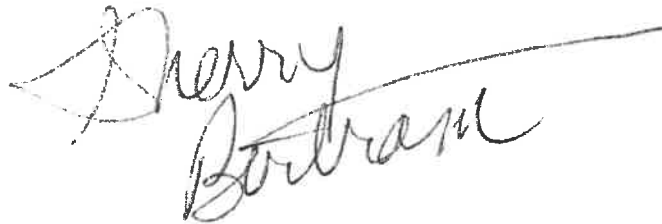
Lori stated that the entire committee needed to be involved for the sake of reporting back to our community. The committee will be looking at the coming changes and addressing them in future meetings.

Next meetings. Zoning: January 9, 2024 6 p.m.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 6:35 by Sherry Bertram, second by Mark Olsway.
Motion passed unanimously.

Sherry Bertram
Secretary

Minutes approved at the January 9, 2024 meeting.

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Zoning Administrator Report

December 12, 2023 Meeting

Lori Busha - Zoning Administrator

Old Business

- BMIC has acquired the old Laundry and old Hardware property. New information about the demolition on this property came in a letter from Brianna Gunka. The properties on 6861 & 6891 S. M221 will both be demolished by Spring 2024. This item is open.
- Buncek blight concerns. No new updates. This item is open.
- Simpkin property blight on M221. 1st and 2nd Ticket was paid. No response to phone messages or letters regarding getting an update. 3rd Ticket for blight will be issued by registered mail after Christmas, as there has been no response or progress to remove the house. This item is open.
- Morgan property blight on Green Street. No new updates. 1st Ticket was paid. The garage was still not torn down. I called and spoke to her regarding a realistic date to have the garage torn down. She understands that if she misses this next date/timing she is opening herself up to tickets daily. She has some family issues to deal with and came back to me with a date of April 26-27 to start taking everything out of the garage and finish taking down the garage by May 11, 2024. This item is open.
- Harding property blight on Green Street. No new update. No word back from the Township Attorney on how to proceed on this item. Additionally, I spoke to R. Philips who used to know his father. He does not have an address or phone number for either. This item is open.
- Haveman Inquiry 9222 Kinsella Road – This item will be closed, as there has been no communication to seek a variance at this time over several months. It can be re-opened if the status changes. Property owners would like to seek a variance for building a barn on their property, as their previous approval expired 1 year after issuance. No updates on whether they are seeking a variance yet. This item is closed.
- Davis – Lillian Road property – Inquiry about Zoning for Barn. Zoning Application sent. No response yet. This item is open.
- EUP Planning – Conversations regarding updates to the Zoning Map. Quote received for \$300. This was approved in the October meeting. I have left an email message with Nathan, so I can work with him to get the corrections and additions made. No word back. Follow-up will happen when I return. This item is open.
- West-Lake Pilot Association – M221 Property – Additional conversations with the architect to review drawings and site plans. The architectural drawings are nearly complete. However, we are waiting for the site plan drawings from the Sault Ste Marie office. He has targeted readiness for review with the Zoning Board in the February Meeting. This item is open.
- Bastian – Shenandoah property – This property is seeking a variance for the size of the original footprint. The meeting will be January 3, 2024. This item is open.
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New Business

- Zoning Inquiry for property on Lakeshore Drive. The property is located in Bay Mill Township. They were redirected. This item is closed.