

Superior Township Zoning Committee
Brimley, Michigan 49715
October 10, 2023

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion to approve: Cindy Wilson

Motion seconded: Mark Olsway

Motion approved: unanimously

Motion to Approve Minutes from September 12, 2023

Motion to approve: John Waisanen

Motion seconded: Mark Olsway

Motion approved: unanimously

Public Comment (3 minutes per commenter) none

Old Business:

Sign Ordinance: Discussion on possible changes to the ordinance to bring it into compliance with new legislation. Lori stated that the current ordinance does not meet federal guidelines. Lori had suggested changes but the copies did not show the board her suggestions so it was difficult to make comparisons. More discussion and development of appropriate changes to be discussed further at the next Zoning Meeting in November, 2023.

Blight Ordinance: Much discussion on particular sections that will require additional review and rewording. Discussion on the number of vehicles that should be allowed on a parcel of property. John pointed out that the ordinance must be the same for the entire township. A parcel in down town Brimley and a 40 acre parcel will have the same number of non-operating vehicles allowed per parcel.

Discussion on what constitutes an “operable vehicle”, “junk vehicle” and how does the township ordinance determine if the vehicle is inoperable.

Discussion about clarifying the wording of the ordinance and also the possibility of moving from allowing two (2) inoperable vehicles per parcel to one (1) inoperable vehicle per parcel.

The board decided to table this discussion until the November, 2023 meeting.

New Business.

1. Zoning Administrator Report – presented by Lori Busha.
2. Combining Quarterly Planning meetings with monthly Zoning Board meetings.

Discussion on combining the quarterly Planning meeting with the monthly Zoning board meetings. This will allow the board members to attend one longer meeting on the second Tuesday of the month and not be required to come Monday and Tuesday in the Quarterly meeting months.

The board discussed having the Zoning meetings from 6:00 – 6:45 on the second Tuesday of the month and the Planning Meetings from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Each meeting will have a separate agenda and will open and adjourn at the appropriate times.

The motion was made by John, seconded by Sherry to adopt this schedule for Zoning and the Quarterly Planning meetings, effective February, 2024 so that the change in schedule can be posted publicly.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Pilot House discussion for Planning Meeting – John gave a brief notice that this will be discussed at the next planning meeting on November, 13, 2023.

4. Lori Busha told the board that she would not be present at the November and December, 2023 meetings.

Other Business.

Two new members on the Zoning Board, Dianne Compo and Cindy Wilson.

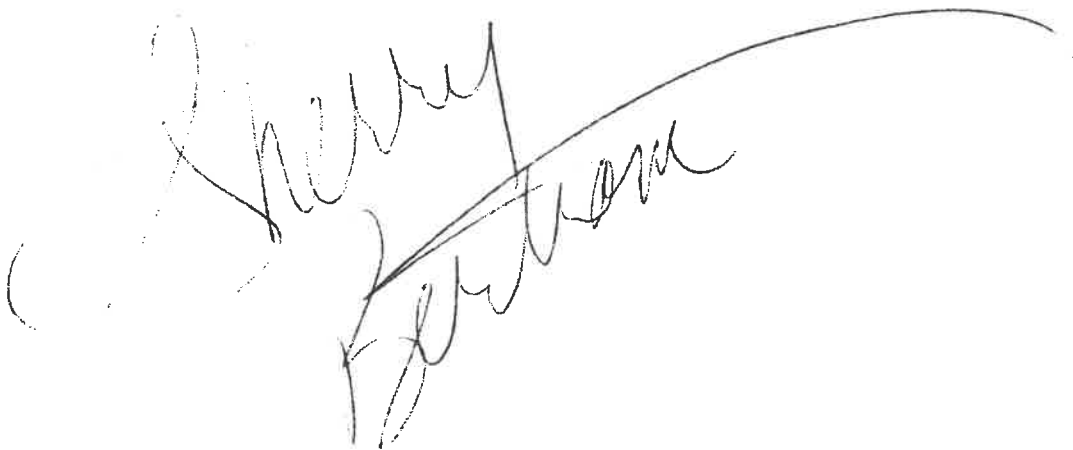
Next meetings. Planning: November 13, 2023 6 p.m. Zoning: November 14, 2023 6 p.m.)

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by John Waisanen, second by Mark Olsway. Motion carried.

Sherry Bertram
Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED AT NOVEMBER 14, 2023 ZONING MEETING

Sherry Bertram

A large, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherry Bertram', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

Zoning Administrator Report

October 10, 2023 Meeting
Lori Busha - Zoning Administrator

Old Business

- Samp blight concerns. The vehicle has been verified in a site visit to be off the property. This item is closed.
- HTC blight concern. No new updates from last month. This item is open. *Property Sold to Tribe*
- Bunchek blight concerns. She is still working to get a key to remove the RV. This item is open.
- Simpkin property blight on M221. No new progress. Ticket for blight issued by registered mail, as there has been no progress to remove the house by the Sept. 30 deadline. This item is open.
- Morgan property blight on Green Street. After several attempts to contact her through email. The garage was not torn down by the deadline agreed upon. Ticket for blight issued by registered mail. No response yet. This item is open.
- Harding property blight on Green Street. Same 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 – Re-opened. No new updates from last month. 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 open.
- Davis – Lillian Road property – Inquiry about Zoning for Barn. Zoning Application sent. No response yet. This item is open.
- Badenski – Shenandoah Abandoned vehicle – The vehicle was moved out of the setbacks. This item is closed.

New Business

- Jones – Baird St --Application for a shed on the property. Site visit conducted and approved.
- EUP Planning – Conversations regarding updates to the Zoning Map. Expecting a quote for this service and the original PDF file by mid week. This item is open.
- West-Lake Pilot Association – M221 Property – Spoke to the architect to review the zoning requirements for the Village Center. They are designing a new building for offices and living quarters for the pilot boat operations. This item is open.
- Hoy – Deland St.-- Application for a shed on the property. Site visit conducted and approved.
- Chippewa County Building Department - Request from the building dept to review several sites that I approved the zoning, but no building permit was issued. I followed up and both sites had built without a permit. The Building department will follow up with my findings. *This is closed*
- Donnelly – New garage for storage on existing cement pad. The original building was damaged in a storm. Awaiting the filled out application to continue.