

Approved
Draft Minutes
Superior Township Zoning Meeting
7049 S M 221
Brimley, MI
May 13th, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Loup at 6:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Cindy Vansloten, Kathy Loup, Deb Freedman
Absent: Mark Chesebro and Zoning Administrator, Lori Busha

Motion to Approve Agenda Cindy Vansloten

Seconded by: Kathy Loup

Motion approved unanimously

Motion to Approve February 11th, 2025 minutes along with the Zoning Administrator report from February 11, 2025

Motion made by Cindy Vansloten

Seconded by Deb Freedman

Abstained: Kathy Loup as she wasn't on the planning commission on February 11th, 2025

Public Comment Bay Mills Tribe was present to discuss the Bay Mart property.

Old Business

Approval of Bay Mart Zoning. A discussion was held on the proposal from the Bay Mills Tribe for them to proceed with the renovations and construction at Bay Mart. They have filed all necessary legal actions regarding the property. The proposal has already been approved by Zoning but the Tribe would like to extend the canopy which would entail the small piece of property that was in question. There will be one final Court hearing on June 5th, 2025. (This is to make sure that no one else comes forward as to having a say in this piece of property)

A motion was made to recommend to the Township Board that the renovations and construction be approved, including the extended canopy per Court finality on June 5th, 2025. The Tribe can start anytime as the Court hearing will be over by the time they reach the canopy stage and the canopy is the only part that could be affected by the Court.

Motion made by Kathy Loup

Seconded by Cindy Vansloten

Motion approved unanimously

New Business None

see your Admin report, read the new business or zoning admin report.

Motion to Adjourn

Kathy Loup

Seconded by Cindy Vansloten

Motion approved unanimously

*Deb Freedman
Secretary*

Zoning Administrator Report

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Lori Busha - Zoning Administrator

Old Business

- Simpkin property blight on M221. To Do: Need to issue a ticket through the process server, as no work will be completed until that time. This item is open.
- Lakeshore Drive Property - Emplit-Zoning Inquiry to put a mobile home on the property. No new updates. Email sent with the Building/Zoning Application. Awaiting approval from the DEQ, before completing the zoning paperwork. This item is open.
- Previously Bastien Shenandoah Property, now owned by Robin Murray – No new updates. ZBA approved the extension of the previous Variance approval. I received a call from Mr. Murray. He will be submitting his new plans next year for zoning approval. He indicated that the house is smaller than the one that Ms. Bastien was planning. This item is open.
- S. Bound Rd Property – Mr. Russell would like to put up a new pad and trailer on this property. No new updates. The ZBA approved the Variance for this property. Mr. Russell was heading back to Texas and would not be doing anything with this until next year, June/July timeframe. This item is open
- FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps – I received a letter from FEMA IN May regarding the status of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and process. We are currently in the 90-Day Appeal timeframe, where residents can appeal to FEMA regarding the new flood map changes. Information on the changes was provided to individuals that had homes on the properties that were impacted. EGLE was contacted and provided us a copy of the old Flood Map Zoning Ordinance. Copies have been provided for our review in the planning meeting. The Old Ordinance will need to be reviewed and updated prior to the new maps coming out, spring/summer 2025. This item is open.
- Lakeshore Drive Property – Mr. Camarata contacted me regarding putting up 2 homes on his property as a Duplex. No new information. Awaiting zoning information. This item is open.
- Great Lakes Pilot Boat Association – M221 Property – The Township board was contacted. This project is currently on hold due to increased costs. This item is open.
- Superior Township Land Use Plan is significantly out of date (50 years old) and not relevant to the current conditions that the Township faces in terms of land use. This information was presented to the Township Board in the January meeting. Awaiting a decision on whether they want this board to work on this project. This item is open.
- S. M221 Property - Mr. Conner from the Baptist Church contacted me about putting a new church building on the property located across the street from the current church. The property is zoned Residential – R1. He provided me with the architectural plans and the site plan along with the Zoning/Building Application. The plans indicated that the height of the structure would be 32 feet. This is above the maximum height requirement (30ft) for the Residential district. The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance for the height of the building to be increased by 2 feet. Zoning approval was given. This item is closed.
- W. Mills Road Property – Ms. Wilcox contacted me regarding putting a home on a 10-acre property. The property is in the Agricultural district. Zoning approval was granted. This item is closed.

New Business

- Baird St. Property – Mr. Olsway contacted me regarding a carport being added to the front of his existing garage. I provided him the zoning paperwork. Rough measurements show that one corner of the proposed carport may not meet the setback requirements. He is waiting for his neighbor to come back to see if there is a stake for the property line. This item is open.
- Forrest Side Rd Property – Mr. Caraccio contacted me regarding putting up a garage on his property. Approval was granted. This item is closed.
- W. Mills St Property – Mr. Forejt contacted me regarding putting up a garage on this property. The property is owned by a Motorcycle club, and this will be their clubhouse. Zoning approval was granted. This item is closed.
- M-28 Property (Raco) – Mrs. Nelson contacted me regarding adding a well and septic to their property, as they did get a variance to put up a shed. I looked up the Variance and the property is not approved for a well or septic as that is what is required for a dwelling and they do not meet the 600 sqft minimum requirement for a dwelling. The Variance only granted them a shed on the property not a dwelling. I contacted Mrs. Nelson with this information. They have decided that they are not going to pursue a well or septic, at this time. This item is closed.
- Lakeshore Dr Property – Mr. Jacques contacted me regarding a Greenhouse on his property. Paperwork was filled out and submitted. Zoning approval was granted. This item is closed.
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