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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
Superior Township **Zoning** Committee  
Brimley, MI 49715  
February 11, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Deb Freedman (in the absence) of Chairperson, Diane Compo at 6:09 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Mark Olsway, Cindy Vansloten, Deb Freedman

Absent: Dianne Compo and Mike Smith

Lori Busha was present as Zoning Administrator and Mike Fox as Supervisor

**Motion to Approve Agenda** by Deb Freedman

Seconded by Mark Olsway

Motion approved unanimously

**Motion to approve** January 14, 2025 Zoning minutes (including the Zoning Administrator report) was made by Mark Olsway

Seconded by Cindy Vansloten

Motion approved unanimously

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business**

Michigan Public Act 233 (Battery Energy Storage Systems and Solar Energy Systems) was moved to new business for the Planning Committee

**New Business:**

Zoning Administrator Report dated February 11th, 2025 was read by Lori Busha.

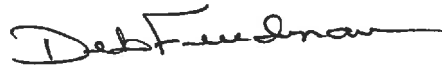
We discussed holding additional meetings to get ordinances/planning in place for Michigan Public Act 233. We will discuss this more at the Planning Meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** made by Deb Freedman

Seconded by Mark Olsway

Motion approved unanimously

Our next **ZONING** meeting will be March 11, 2025

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# **Zoning Administrator Report**

**February 11, 2025 Meeting**  
**Lori Busha - Zoning Administrator**

## **Old Business**

- Simpkin property blight on M221. Hold until spring. Waiting until spring 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. Hold until spring. 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 – Hold until spring. 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 on hold until next year. This item is open.
- S. Bound Rd Property – Mr. Russell would like to put up a new pad and trailer on this property. Hold until spring. 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
- 7463 W. 6 Mile Road Property – Mr. Dalsky is seeking information about building a garage on the property. Unfortunately, the property is only 3 acres and is narrow. The property is in the Rural Residential zone, which requires 5 acres for Lot Area and a minimum of 200ft Lot Width. This has been open for several months without seeking a variance, so this item will be closed. This item is closed.
- FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps – 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. Hold until spring. Awaiting zoning information. This item is open.
- Great Lakes Pilot Boat Association – M221 Property – No new information. Mr. Butcher contacted me about the work that is being done on the property. The build has been delayed, but they still plan on demolishing the current structure. They will be submitting their Building Application around March 2025. Because they are still actively doing work on the project, they are still under the Zoning Board's approval. This item is open.
- Sullivan Creek Trail Property – Mr. Alexander would like to build a Home/Barn on his property. He is zoned Rural Residential, so he needs 5 acres to build a dwelling. He has applied for a variance. It is going before the ZBA this month, awaiting the ZBA decision. This item is open.
- Baird St. Property – Mrs. DeWeese submitted her Zoning application. Because the house was located on two lots, the Assessor was contacted regarding property being joined. The property was made into one lot, prior to Mrs. DeWeese's purchase. Zoning was approved and the approval sent to Chippewa County. This item is closed.
- Battery Energy Storage systems and Renewable Energy were brought up to the TWP board in the January meeting. I've collected information to help with developing ordinances for these items and distributed them in this meeting. This item will go into the Planning meeting. This item is closed from this report.

### **New Business**

- S. Deland St Property Inquiry – Call received from the Derusha's inquiring about vacant property on S. Deland. The property is zoned Rural Residential but is only 0.88 acres. So, as it stands, no home could be built on it without an approved variance. I let them know about this, prior to them deciding on whether to purchase the property. They thought they still might purchase the property and go for a variance, I cautioned them about there being no guarantee of getting an approved variance. This item is closed.
- 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.