

**Standish Township  
Planning Commission  
April 5, 2021 Minutes**

Meeting brought to order at 6:17PM by Deb Krajewski, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present, Deb Krajewski, Dale Raymond, Ryan Klenk

ZA: Gary McFarland

Chairperson, Deb Krajewski welcomed new member Wayne Reetz and thanked him for joining planning commission. Wayne needs to take the Oath of Office before our next meeting. He is unable to participate at this meeting.

Motion made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Dale Raymond to approve the Oct. 5, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Motion made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Dale Raymond to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 3 to 0.

ZA Report by Gary McFarland:

Gary emailed a report to all planning commission members.

Mr. Porter attended a meeting last year wanting a permit to add onto his home. Gary McFarland gave an in depth report that Porter did not meet the setbacks and a permit was not issued. McFarland reported that Mr. Porter has not contacted him to change his building plans to comply with township zoning or filed a request with the ZBA. Planning Commission all agree this issue is completed.

Old Business:

Lakeshore District; the question was that Sandy Drive was not marked lakeshore district but residential. McFarland felt it should be a lakeshore district. Krajewski check with Lapham Associates, which did the work on the map. They stated that because Sandy Drive did not have rental property they excluded Sandy Drive from the lakeshore district and put it in residential district. Their records showed a date of April 1, 2010. Planning Commission needs to decide if they need to change Sandy Drive from residential to lakeshore. The commission will wait until next meeting to vote so the new member, Wayne Reetz, and be able to vote on this issue.

New Business:

**Fences;** There are two issues, amending zoning to include all water front property and maintenance of fences. Lakeshore district is the only area that has restrictions on fences but there are other areas that are water front property. Need to check with Ronda Parks, township tax assessor, and see if she can help locate other properties along water front. McFarland has issues with people who are not uniformed and would like residents to require a permit for putting up a fence. Samples of the Bangor Township zoning ordinance on fences was passed out for members to review. Several things to think about if we want to change is; no fences in lakeshore, need of permits, height, educate people, type, cost of permits, etc. The

other issue is do we want a permanent inspection process. Members are to review the Bangor Township information and our zoning book information on fences for next meeting.

**Rentals:** Inspection of two types of rental property, long term and vacation. McFarland gave an overview with examples of problems. The renter should be able to have some type of recourse on the property owner. Gary McFarland asked Floyd Bender for input about rental property since he once had rental units. Floyd commented he welcomes inspections for vacation rentals and stated long term rentals have so many rights. He said, “ It is hard to get rid of the renters. Vacation renters you can make them leave right now.” Open discussion took place. Deb Krajewski will do a presentation at the township board meeting to see if they want to pursue this.

Township Board Update Ryan Klenk:

The board received a bid on the hall bathroom for changes to make it handicap accessible. Received bids on cleaning the cemetery, were very high.

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Dale Raymond. Motion passed 3 to 0. Time was 7:40pm

Minutes recorded by Dale Raymond