

**Standish Township  
Planning Commission Minutes  
May 3, 2021**

Meeting brought to order by Deb Krajewski at 6:00pm followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Present: Debbie Krajewski, Wayne Reetz, Dale Raymond, Ryan Klenk arrived at 6:05pm.

ZA Present: Gary McFarland

Approval of April 5, 2021 minutes/revisions.

Motion made by Wayne Reetz and supported by Dale Raymond to accept the April 5<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented.

Motion passed, 3 to -0-.

Approval of agenda/revisions.

Motion made by Dale Raymond and supported by Wayne Reetz to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed

4 to -0-.

ZA Report (Gary McFarland): Reviewed the hard copy he sent out earlier. Gary explained about the property owners at 5353 Shady Ln and how they were not forthcoming about what they were doing. They said the 210 ft. bldg. was a shed but it was really a tiny house. Larry from the Arenac Building Dept. went out to inspect what was going on. Larry said the building had a kitchen and bathroom in it and it is not a shed. Gary McFarland has talked to the owners in depth and explained he will not issue a permit until they meet the zoning ordinance guidelines.

Old Business:

**Lakeshore District changes:** to change Sandy Drive to lakeshore district from residential district. This will only involve changing the township map and to hold a public hearing. On the map Sandy Drive's color will change from yellow (residential district) to light blue (lakeshore district). Ryan Klenk offered to redo the township map free of charge. Krajewski explained to rezone, we do not have to notify all the home owners in a 300 ft. radius since the area meets the requirements listed on page 10.8 of our zoning ordinance book. Motion made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Wayne Reetz to proceed with the public hearing and change Sandy Drive to lakeshore district. Motion passed, 4 to -0-. Dale Raymond to post the public hearing in the local newspaper.

**Fence ordinance changes:** need to define waterfront property, include all waterfront property and lakeshore property in the fence ordinance, but exclude farmland, allow permits and inspections and giving better descriptions of what is allowed. For the next meeting everyone is to go over the material and prepare a list of what they feel is important.

**Property maintenance ordinance Rentals:** Deb Krajewski took this to the township board. The Standish Township Board wants the planning commission to table this until they can look into it further. This may be a costly issue for the township.

New Business: None

Twp. Board updates (Ryan Klenk): Gave a report on what the township is doing on aquatic weeds and township roads.

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Klenk and supported by Wayne Reetz to adjourn. Motion passed 4 to -0-.  
Time 7:12pm.

Minutes prepared by Dale Raymond, recording clerk.