

Approved Public Hearing Minutes
Port Sanilac Planning Commission
Bark Shanty Community Center
October 26, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:01 PM by Chair Mary Simon

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Bob Dear

Members Present: Chair Mary Simon_x_, Robert Batz_x_, Eric Bruss_x_, Robert Dear_x_,
Ray Emond_x_, Tom Jackson_x_, Zoning Administrator Larry O'Keefe_x_

Absent: Jim Sroka, Council Liaison Jim Southard

Guests: (15) Kathryn Rafferty, Will Mossett, Utz & Shirley Schmidt, Mary Rudd, Mary Emond,
Donna Jackson, Karen Schulman, Fran Bassett, Ann Merriman, Britton Simon,
Mike & Sue Balysh, Rich & Eileen Byrnes

Purpose: Proposed Changes and Additions to the Village of Port Sanilac Zoning Ordinance
Article 17 Special Land Use Regulations Section 17.10.32 Short-Term Rental

Chair Mary Simon gave a short introduction. She mentioned that the proposed ordinance had been published in the paper, and that the intent of the Planning Commission was not to shut down short-term rentals, but rather to keep our small town community atmosphere while welcoming visitors who are important to our tourism, businesses, and community as a whole. Mary also talked about the "Good Neighbor Policy" and the need to fill out an application form and an annual renewal form.

Correspondence: Letter from Art Schlichting

Public Comments:

1. Rentals will not be run down. If it isn't attractive it won't rent. Taxes for rentals have gone up. Renters come in, buy, visit all the restaurants, and participate in village activities.
2. Glad to hear that rentals will not be banned. Will we still be able to operate two of our rentals that are right next to each other?
3. Are Bed and Breakfast included in this?
4. I'm for short-term rentals. I believe that a lot of Lake St. will become rentals.
5. How many Airbnb's are there in Port Sanilac?
6. How are these rules going to be enforced?
7. Get in contact with rental owners near you to get information in case problems come up. How many houses will the 10% limit include?
8. What about parking?
9. Is there a limit as to how many people can be in a house? What is the time limit renters can be in a house?
10. I would recommend changing the 90 days for short-term rentals to 30 days.
11. Is there an age limit as to who can rent a short-term rental?
12. What are the federal, state, or local permits?
13. I like the "Good Neighbor" policy. Would you please add about people cleaning up after their dog?
14. What is the next step?

Public Hearing Closed at 7:44 P.M. by Chair Mary Simon
Submitted by: Bob Dear - Planning Commission Secretary