

Sandstone Township Planning Commission Meeting Notes
August 27, 2024

Call to order 6:05 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Blaine Goodrich, Chris Crisenbery, Nicole Cantrell

Absent: Bill Donahue, Greg Inosencio

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve by Crisenbery, Goodrich seconded, all in favor. Agenda approved.

July Minutes Approval: Motion to approve by Crisenbery, Goodrich seconded, all in favor. Minutes approved as written.

No Public Hearings

No Public comment

Crisenbery updated Planning Commission on Township Board meeting. No action was taken on Planning Commission recommendations.

Old Business: Party barns and wedding venues discussion continued.

- Cantrell presented example ordinance from Buchanan Township. Discussion of fire regulation and compliance. Current Sandstone ordinance requires building comply with all Michigan Building Codes.
- Should ordinance include a Home Occupancy One or Two limitation?
- Cantrell agrees to research a legal definition or precedent for when an enterprise becomes a commercial enterprise.
- Should Conditional Use permitting be based on frequency of use (annual, bi-annual) or when it meets a certain financial threshold?

Discussion to continue in October.

Discussion: Crisenbery presented a sample from Kentwood township of minimum design standards for commercial buildings. Seems appropriate to the township. Discussion to continue in October.

New Business: Planning Commission members discussed imminent appointment of new member and noted that it would be ideal to include a representative of the farming community and agricultural interests. As the board currently benefits from intergenerational perspectives, members think it would be beneficial to consider that aspect as well.

Meeting adjourned 7:07p.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Cantrell, Chair