

**SAUBLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES 05 SEPTEMBER 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 pm by Jim Sharp

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Jim Sharp, present; John Acker, present; Bob Woolever; present; Ken Piper; present, Beth Acker, present

AGENDA REVISIONS:

None.

A motion was made and supported to accept the agenda as presented.

(J Acker/Piper) 5-0

APPROVE 01 AUGUST 2023 MINUTES:

A motion was made and supported to approve the 01 August 2023 minutes.

(J Acker/Woolever) 5-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

North Country Trail – Kenny Wawsczyk - Goal is to protect and improve the trail. Safety is very important. Looking to take the trail off 5 Mile rd as much as possible. Sauble Township will provide contact information (if possible) and North Country Trail group will contact property owners regarding possible access/easements.

Intro of Robert (Bob) Hall – New zoning administrator. Bob provided a summary of his experience/background.

P&Z Secretary:

Beth Acker would like to step down from the Planning & Zoning Board. One township board member must be on P&Z board. Supervisor cannot be on P&Z (must be Secretary on Board of Review). Clerk does not want to be on P&Z. Trustee Tracy Bake cannot be as he is Secretary on Board of Appeals. Trustee Linda Snow is having health issues and cannot serve. Beth would like to at least transition the Secretary responsibilities. Chair (Jim Sharp) cannot be Secretary. John Acker cannot be secretary as he is the backup chair. Must be either Ken Piper or Bob Woolever.

Ken refuses. Bob will consider.

CITIZENS TIME:

Residents on Able Rd expressed concerns about a new short term rental next door to them. Short discussion regarding Michigan Legislature pending ruling (which has been tabled several times the past couple of years). Also discussed the requirement for short term rentals to obtain a Special Use Permit prior to renting. Residents also informed that noise (and other issues) are a policing issue – to contact the Sheriff's department. Residents

should also notify the property owner if there are issues from renters. Special Use Permits can also have restrictions (ex: no noise after 10 pm). If owners know there are issues, they can do a better job of screening. It appears the property owner has not obtained a Special Use Permit. Zoning Administrator will look into it.

Short discussion about short term rental on Sauble Lake 1. Property owner has also expressed desire to create a public boat launch. Repeat of prior discussion on short term rentals. Property owner must obtain a Special Use Permit for the short term rental. Public Boat Launch is not a permitted use, thus not allowed. There was some discussion regarding access to the lake for the Sheriff's Department in case of emergency. There is more than one resident that has offered access to the lake from their property.

BOARD MEMBER TIME:

Bob Woolever talked about North Country Trail using Mac rd. for parking & trail. Willing to provide access on his property to improve safety of hikers.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and supported to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm (J Acker/Piper) 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Acker, Secretary

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