

**Sidney Township Planning Commission**  
**3019 S. Grow Rd Sidney, MI**  
**Short Term Rental Ordinance**  
**Public Hearing Minutes**  
**September 7th, 2022 7pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:10pm. Note meeting started late due to making copies of the ordinance to hand out

**ROLL CALL:** Leyrer, Hansen, Wheat, Cooper, Damaska-Merritt

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made by Leyrer, supported by Cooper. Motion approved

**CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING ORDINANCE TOPICS ONLY: (Please limit statements to 3 minutes)**

-Elisabeth Walden (Daily News) asked why the copy of the ordinance that was handed out is different than the copy she received in June. Leyrer explained that the changes voted on hadn't been made yet when she FOIA'd for a copy.

- Clarification for unattended dog. Must be on leash/tie or in the house

-whether the ordinance covered just the lakes or the whole township. Whole Township

-Do you have to have a dock? Do you have to have a dock to have a boat?

-Scott Heimbecker asked about what events triggered writing an ordinance

-what is the definition of short term...how many days? Less than 29 days

-Kevin who lives on the cove explained what he likes about the ordinance. Gave Mr. Heimbecker further details of the trouble events over 2 years. Would like to see a minimum time frame for rental, longer than 1 day

-Jennifer Poulen asked about the fees and why an inspection every year?

- Robert Scott suggested that wording for square footage specify bedroom space and not just any space

-what happens if the renter keeps renting after they are in violation

-Mrs. Sargaent wondered if there was anything in the ordinance about denying a license

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Leyrer, supported by Damaska-Merritt. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm. Regular scheduled meeting to follow after a few minute break.