

**Grant Township  
Blight Enforcement Report June 2024**

*Not Commercial*

1) At the TWP meeting it was, again, brought up how Aric Monesterski's property has fallen into non-compliance with the TWP Blight Ordinance. After a long discussion by the board I was told to start the process of getting a citation for the non-compliance. I attempted to see Aric after the meeting to give him a verbal warning but was unable to contact him. He was not outside and I did not want to trespass onto his property.

Later I received a text from Mrs. Jennett with pictures of debris scattered around Aric's house and also a full trailer with metal items and a broken tire/wheel.

Later, I was visited by a State Trooper who informed me that he was giving me a formal warning that if I cross onto Aric's property I could be charged with trespassing. It seems that Aric felt that when Velda took pictures of his house that she was violating his space. The trooper made it clear to Aric that she could take any pictures she wanted as long as she did not cross on to his property.

Since I was not able to issue a verbal warning, I sent Aric a text indicating that this was a verbal warning and he had 14 days to comply or face a citation if not brought into compliance. I did not get a response but I did tell him to call the following day if he had questions.

The process I intend to follow for all possible citations are

A) a verbal warning, either by direct contact or by letter.

B) a written letter stating that within the next 14 days if there is no compliance or attempt at compliance a citation could be delivered and the court will decide the next steps.

**Update:** I spoke with a TWP official and we both agreed to not proceed with the ticketing process right now as Aric has made some improvements to his yard. Since Aric's phone seems to be disconnected and his wife's phone was not answered, I sent Aric a letter informing him of this decision to not move forward with a citation at this time and asked him if he would contact me for a discussion of what the TWP expects. I will continue to check on this property for continued improvement.

2) Mr. Ward's property was also brought up at the TWP meeting. Mrs. Jennett also took pictures of this property. I have previously sent letters to Mr. Ward and he has told me "you must be blind if you don't think I have made improvements" well I must be blind ! At one time it appeared that he was trying to comply, but not any more.

He also owns the property across the street, and I have told him that this property needs work, as well.

It was decided that Mr. Torrey would speak to him and see if he could get Mr. Ward to comply. If he does not I will start the citation process with him next month. This is what was agreed to at the TWP meeting.

**3) I received a call from Dave Warner who owns the property on Michigan Ave. He informed me that he has contracted Sand Lake Excavating to demolish the house and shed. Sand Lake Excavating told me they will be getting to this by month's end or early July. All the electrical and septic issues have been resolved and the buildings can come down.**

**4) letters written on 6-20-24 went to these addresses;**

**A) 763 N. Sand Lake Road**

**B) 1717 Beaunavista**

**C) 21519 Grand Lake St / re: 1749 Welcome**

**D) 1871 Camino**

**E) 1861 Sag8inaw**

**F) 3426 Bay**

**G) 49531 Annaoval / re: 3220 Henry**

**H) 1675 Welcome**

**I) 23340 Stone Circle / re: 1344 N. Sand Lake Road**

**J) 1322 N. Sand Lake Road**

**K) 1348 N. Sand Lake Road**

**5) I have visited the property on Carpenter Road and found it to be almost completely resolved. I left a message for the owner's son to call me regarding what kind of building he can put at the property. Waiting for his call back.**

**6) The junk couch has been removed from the property at 4030 Indian Lake Road with no further actions needed. The resident complied with the verbal notice I gave him.**

7) responses to letters listed above:

1322 North Sand Lake Rd. - Mr. And Mrs. Wells called and wondered what was the issue and I asked if I could come and explain the issues to them. They agreed and I asked them to put some of the things around the fire pit back further in the yard and also move the four wheelers to the back as well. They agreed and the yard is much better now.

1675 Welcome - I think I was contacted by the resident at this address because after telling me that I was not doing my job correctly and allowing a business to operate on the same street he hung up on me. In regards to the business issue, I saw nothing out of order at the property, the machines were all behind the front of the pole barn and not in the yard. I did not approach this property and asked a TWP official if there was anything that says he can not run a business from his home as long as blight issues are followed. He stated he had no knowledge of any issues.

1749 Welcome - The letter was delivered to 1745 Welcome which was the wrong address. When the owner called she told me that the property in question was owned by Mr. Shawn Sanney. I called Shawn and informed him of the problems at the property, sent him a picture and he got the things covered and removed where needed.

I will continue to report responses as I receive them and move on with citation letters if I do not hear from owners and residents of the other listed properties.

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Blight Control Officer

Submitted  
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