

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015**

Members present: Chairman Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Tom Sheneman, Linda Cran, Dan Steiner

Absent: None

Also present: Steve Bernard, FTH Zoning Administrator
Public attendance: Sign In sheet attached.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Paul Trumble.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Frey thanked the commission for starting the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Karen Szcodronski thanked the commission for their hard work and for listening to their constituents.
Carolyn Nichols also thanked the commission for their hard work and listening to their constituents.
Barb Carton spoke on the Point of Sale Ordinance and wanted to confirm the commission is willing to continue discussion for possible future implementation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

The Chairman asked if any of the members have a conflict of interest with any of the items on the agenda.
No Conflicts stated.

AGENDA:

It was moved by Tom Sheneman, seconded by Linda Cran that the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried – Unanimous.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Doug Dewey, seconded by Dan Steiner that the minutes dated June 3, 2015 be approved with corrections. Motion carried – Unanimous.

It was moved by Tom Sheneman, seconded by Linda Cran that the June 11, 2015 Public Hearing Meeting minutes be approved with corrections. Motion carried – Unanimous.

UPDATE ON TAR LAKE PLUME & TCE PLUME: Linda Cran

Reported that she had attended a forum held at Cedar River Lodge at Shanty Creek Resort which was an informational meeting on Tar Lake Plume and TCE Plume. The forum was held on June 26, 2015 and representatives from the DEQ, MAWSA, ACUTE, Design Engineering, Tip of the Mitt Watershed, Antrim County Health Department, ACUTE, Garry Knapp and many others attended. Discussion and overview of recent TCE plume migration and residential monitoring information, timelines for construction of the new phase 1 and the long term plan for addressing the TCE plume. Funding sources, remediation,

redevelopment and water resources. Storage tanks, booster pumps, new water main, and expanded service areas were discussed.

UPDATE: Arts – Agricultural Tourism

Discussion followed:

Jay Kilpatrick has been working on the language for Arts – Agricultural Tourism and the commission will review and discuss at the next regular meeting.

POINT OF SALE:

No action. Move to the August agenda.

Discussion followed.

That at least two (2) speakers be contacted to present pros and cons with possible speakers from Milton Township; Kankaska County and/or Realtor, John Mann.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chairman stated that public comment at the beginning and ending of commission meeting which was approved for a three (3) month trial period and the three (3) months is now up is now up and asked the opinion of the members on if they had any issues. Members commented that having two (2) public comments has worked out better than expected and have no concerns.

It was moved by Tom Sheneman, seconded by Doug Dewey that the public comment agenda item at the beginning and ending of each meeting continue and if the commission experiences any issues that the commission has the option to give a 30 day notice to discontinue. Motion carried – Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Signs – Steve Bernard reported that sign owners must complete a permit for their signs and provide written permission from the property owner. Signs that have been left and the businesses are no longer in business can be removed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Frey – Thank you for the action to continue two (2) public comments and noted that no conditions are needed. Carolyn Nichols asked if and when will new copy of the FHT Zoning Ordinance be posted on the web-site. The Chairman stated that as soon as it becomes available it will be on the website.

Next regular meeting set for August 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Chairman, Paul Trumble

Secretary, Linda Cran