

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Linda Cran, Tom Sheneman
Absent: Dan Steiner
Also present: Stephen Barnard and Carolynn Nichols

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

The Chairman and members extended support and sympathy to Linda Cran and family for the passing of husband and father Alex Cran.

AGENDA:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran that the agenda be approved as presented.
Motion carried – all present voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman called for Public Comment. There was none.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE – STEVEN BARNARD

Permits issued

Home construction - 3

Special Land Use Applicants Joseph and Cynthia Powers

Applicants have received DEQ permits for site with management plan for water issues.

Joanna Thorton – Organic Farming

Requested copies of commission minutes and corrected zoning map to verify that her property located at the corner of Grass Lake Road and Bellaire Highway is properly zoned “Rural Residential” as she is being taken to court by neighbor James Leposkey.

Happy-Town Campground

The State of Michigan – Campground Division of Licensing and Regulating has approved the site located at 9301 Clam Lake Road for the construction project to extend and remodel the mobile trailer.

No status report on the stop work order issued by the Antrim County Building Department.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Dewey that the minutes of January 3, 2018 be approved a written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cran spoke of the continued issues of rubbish, vehicles and etc. at the property owned by Steve Bacon. Discussion followed.

Sheneman asked if the township ever received a report from the group that was conducting a water study of our lakes due to the concern of the golden brown algae. Discussion followed.

Trumble reported that no report of findings has been received by the township and believe that the group performing the study had no conclusion to report.

Trumble reported that he had an inquiry from a resident of Cedar Meadows Subdivision but not available to share.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheneman asked when the Master Plan will be up for renewal.

Trumble reported that the current Master Plan is a five (5) year Plan 2015-2019.

Trumble reported that more townships are opting out of Medical Marijuana Businesses.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council has sent out a survey and if you have not received one as of this date you will soon be getting one.

Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Carolynn Nichols stated that she has two (2) questions of commission. 1. Does the commission have the ability to apply for Grants? 2. Can Mr. Tumble speak to the inquiry from the Cedar Meadows Subdivision resident?

Trumble replied that the township does apply for grants and the most recent granted awarded was for the property purchase of Glacial Hills. The inquiry received from the resident of Cedar Meadows Subdivision was not an issue to be discussed publicly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary