

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2018 @7:00 pm**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner, Tom Sheneman and Linda Cran.
Absent: None.
Also present: Stephen Barnard, Barbara Carton and Carolyn Nichols.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Agenda:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Dewey to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Barbara Carton spoke of Short Term Rentals and fee to register on website. Public comment closed.

Zoning Administrator Update – Stephen Barnard:

Complaints:

Bellaire Bait and Tackle

Bob and Cheryl Land owners of The Heritage House have reported concerns about the Bellaire Bait and Tackle business which recently moved into the Trees North business location at 3255 S M-88 Hwy. The owner Gary Tracey is permitting Customer Quality Waste Disposal owner Brad Fleet to park his trailers full of waste/trash on property which is creating a horrible odor. A letter was sent to Mr. Tracey informing him that he had five (5) days to get the trailers moved from site.

Thorton Site – Corner Grass Lake Road and Bellaire Hwy.

James Leposkey reported that the owners have added more chickens to their organic farm and continue to move the trailer/chicken coop to different locations on their property which means the trailer is closer to his property line. The information provided by Mr. Leposkey has been turned over to Attorney Bill Derman.

Training:

Water School training session put on by Army Corp of Engineers and the DEQ addressed shoreline vegetation, lake levels and wetlands. They offered information on their website called a “Tool Box” which provides aerial photos of all lakes and wetlands which will be very helpful.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Cran, seconded by Sheneman that the commission minutes dated September 5, 2018 be approved as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trumble provided members with a handout regarding Short Term Rentals addressing no reason for regulations. Please review and will discuss at a later date. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cran reported that Traverse the Magazine had an article recognizing Glacial Hills as one (1) of the top five (5) destinations for trails.

Cran reported on a meeting she attended at the Antrim County Conservation District topic was on the Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska and Emmet Counties also known as the C.A.K.E. Agency Management created to address invasive species in local lakes. She learned that the lakes in Forest Home Township are in better shape and less infected than surrounding townships.

Cran reported that she had taken hazardous waste to the Antrim County Road Commission site for one (1) of three (3) scheduled drop-off locations planned for the Antrim County Hazardous Waste program and the drop off was a huge success.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Barbara Carton spoke of the Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, Emmet, a/k/a C.A.K.E. is sponsored by Tip of the Mitt and other groups.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary