

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

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner and Linda Cran.
Absent: Tom Sheneman
Also present: Stephen Barnard, Barbara Carton, Sue Mahan 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 Cran, seconded by Dewey to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

Zoning Administrator Update – Stephen Barnard:

Handouts:

HB 5939, 5940 and 5941 - Fireworks

SB 637 – Small cell bill

dcp Midstream – Pipeline Safety Information

MI Township Voice: Article legislative update for Township officials – GAAMPs draft would allow large livestock facilities almost anywhere.

Thorton Site – Corner Grass Lake Road and Bellaire Hwy.

The MI Township Voice article handout on Small Farming which addressed limiting the number of livestock and in the Thorton case (chickens) could be addressed in our Zoning Ordinance to regulate and limit the number of livestock and prevent a commercial business. A letter was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Thorton to inform them regarding this matter.

After speaking to the attorney and supervisor it was recommended that this issue be presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an opinion per Article 22, Section 2200.

The Chairman recommended that the Zoning Administrator contact Williams and Works to seek their advice for limiting and regulating the Small Farming livestock count and provide possible language to Forest Home Township Planning Commission to review and take into consideration.

Mr. Leposkey filed his complaint and the complaint was determines to not be a valid complaint and was voided.

Great Lake Energy– Line Installation

Great Lakes Energy has applied for all necessary permits from both Antrim County Soil Erosion and the DEQ for site near Fishers Hills.

Great Lakes Energy is also addressing the issue of the light on Clam Lake Road.

Short Term Rentals

Planning and Zoning News articles Part #1 and Part #2 addressing Short Term Rentals, Michigan Enabling Act and pending HB 4305 and SB 329.

Bellaire Bait and Tackle

Customer Quality Waste Disposal owner Brad Fleet has moved all the containers and trailers off this site as requested.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Cran that the commission minutes dated October 3, 2018 be approved as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trumble addressed the State Proposal #18-1 General Use Marijuana passed by the voters and addressed that the Forest Home Township approved the resolution to opt- out. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trumble announced that the Township will be closed for the month of February and that is will be noted for 2019 meeting schedule. The March meeting of the commission will be pushed back to Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

Cran reported that the public is seeking information as rumors are that the Antrim County Jail may be built in Forest Home Township.

Sheryl Guy reported that this is just a rumor that Forest Home Township has not been discussed by the Antrim County Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Carolyn Nichols spoke of the hard work that goes into the Elections by the local clerk and the county clerk and thanked them for their work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary