

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.**

This meeting due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic was conducted in-person at the Township Hall. Adhering to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic by maintaining a six-foot distance from one another while indoors, face covering, temperatures taken, hand sanitizer available and by limiting public in person attendance according to space available in the Township meeting room.

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner, Tom Sheneman and Linda Cran.
Absent: None.
Also, present: Ann Schwandt, Delores McCormick and Barb Carton.

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

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

AGENDA:

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. No public comment.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE - STEVE BARNARD:

Short-Term Rentals Summary:

What you need to know article from Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhoades and written by Christopher Patterson and Jacob White dated September 20, 2020 E-Letter.

Discussion followed.

Clam River Marina Proposed by Judith Hill update:

9178 Clam Lake Road – Public hearing October 22, 2020

New Build Clam Lake Road: Kyle Aldrich and Christopher Dewey

This project permitted for a residence with front porch and not a barn.

Violations: (2) Clam Lake Road and (1) Steiner Road:

Violation: 8062 Clam Lake Road (2) docks letter sent to property owner.

Violation: 9178 Clam Lake Road Residence, garage and trailer/camper. Owner's son was living in trailer/camper and now moved into garage.

The Building Department and the Health Department put a Cease and Desist Order on the site.

Violation: 9070 Steiner Road property owner living in trailer/camper. The township attorney sent a letter notifying the owner that he was in violation of the ordinance and must move from site.

Discussion followed.

Windward Shores Construction Project update:

The construction is underway and that there are no violations.

The owner has completed the new foundation and extended the living quarters that serves as a single-family dwelling. The owner was to build on the original footprint and that the contractor is required to amend the original permit.

- Mr. Hayden called and reported that he was upset due to trespassing and that the trespasser was taking pictures of his construction site.
- Public input: Mr. Hayden requested a meeting with his neighbors informing them that he never agreed that a person in his family would be living in the single-family dwelling.
- Public input: Mr. Hayden has approached his neighbors to purchase property as he lacks access to Torch Lake from Windward Shores and that the project may take up to two (2) years to complete.
- Steiner reported that he received correspondence from Diane Horling regarding her concerns on the impact to property values when Short-Term Rentals are throughout neighborhoods.

Questions from public attending the meeting:

- Does the contractor need to rip out the portion of the foundation that exceeds the original footprint?
- Concerns are that homes have been purchased in residential neighborhoods and being used solely for rentals and this is commercial use.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran, that the meeting minutes of September 2, 2020 be approved as corrected. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cran addressed the on-going problem with property owner Steven Bacon reporting that he now has a motorhome and trailer parked in his front yard.

Discussion followed.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL – SURVEY:

Trumble addressed the list of questions provided by Barbara Carton, Jan Steiner, Linda Cran and Tom Sheneman. Review and discussion. First draft of survey questions attached.

MASTER PLAN:

Trumble announced that review of Master Plan to continue upon receipt of next update.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair requested Public Comment. Barbara Carton thanked the members for their work on a Short-Term Rental survey. Public comment closed at 8:17 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary