

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 5, 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 Cran to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Ann Schwandt addressed the commission to learn about the proposed short-term rentals survey. Delores McCormick addressed the commission on the status of Windward Shores Motel addition. Public comment closed.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE - STEVE BARNARD:**

**Public Hearing:**

Applicant withdrew his application and fee forfeited.  
Therefore, no public hearing.

**Complaints:**

A camper hooked up to septic system at Snow Flake.  
Barnard stated that he has sent two letters to the owner.

**Permits Issued:**

New Houses - Two

**Windward Shores – Project Mr. Hayden:**

Ken VanHouten contractor framing in project.  
Construction underway for a second floor above the original footprint.  
Discussion followed.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Cran, seconded by Dewey, to approve the meeting minutes of July 1, 2020 as written.  
Motion carried – all present voting yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**BLIGHT PROBLEMS IN FHT:**

The commission discussed the properties owned by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hill due to the complaints brought to the commission for Blight issues.

Discussion followed.

It was a consensus of the commission that these two (2) properties at this time does not warrant a Blight Ordinance, based on the townships estimated 2200 parcels and due to the very few complaints received at this time.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Steiner to ~~TABLE~~ **POSTPONE** any discussions for a Blight Ordinance until late Fall when commission has a chance to get a better look at both sites to confirm that there are junk vehicles parked and left abandoned. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

**SURVEY – SHORT TERM RENTALS:**

Members were provided a copy of the notice to amend the Banks Township Ordinance as proposed which defines Short Term-Rentals as a sample.

Survey: List contains 33 questions and commission to reduce to 20 questions.

The Chairman suggested that Barb Carton review the sample questions and make recommendations as she has attended many meeting due to concerns of Short Term-Rentals.

Discussion followed.

- Final review Survey questions – September meeting.
- Williams and Works then will create survey.

**MASTER PLAN:**

Part 3 – A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE Chapter 7 Policies, Goals and Objectives

Part Three – A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE Chapter 8 Future Land Use and Zoning Plan

Future Land Use – 2020 Draft map

Discussion followed.

Part Three Chapter 7 & 8 all agreed on proposed language.

Map – does not appear to be current. (Update map)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Ann Schwandt offered to assist Barb Carton with the survey questions and recommendations. Barb Carton thanked the commission for their efforts for the Short Term Rental survey and is willing to assist in making suggestions and recommendations. Public comment closed at 7:59 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Paul Trumble, Chairman

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Linda Cran, Secretary

