

FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Chairman Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Tom Sheneman

Members absent: Linda Cran, Dan Steiner

Also present: Terry Smith, FHT Supervisor

Public in attendance: Sign in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Paul Trumble at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

AGENDA:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Dewey the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried – Unanimous.

Terry Smith reported that according to William Derman, Township Attorney that the Lakewood Terrace Special Approval Public Hearing continues to be adjourned until a voting quorum is present. A special meeting is set for Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Tom Frey spoke on the website posting that caused confusion regarding the lack of a quorum for voting purposes in the Class A designation of Lakewood Terrace. Karen Szcodronski spoke of the Planning Commission's draft Minutes not being posted on the website. Rick Cicone spoke in favor of the Planning Commission pursuing the Water & Sewer Supply Ordinance to ensure water protection, while protecting the buyer and seller. Public comment closed at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Dewey that the minutes of March 4, 2015 be approved as corrected. Motion carried – unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Terry Smith reported that the Township has been waiting to hear if the County is willing to consider a County Wide Point of Sale Ordinance similar to the Kalkaska County Ordinance. He also reported that the website will have more information coming and the draft minutes will be available soon.

Sheneman asked if the township has had any communications with Torch Lake Cellars. Terry reported that he has invited them to the next work session April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Terry Smith reported that he has received correspondence from Chad Munger; Mammoth Distilling's requesting information and input on his previous Special Use Permit and the chance that it be revisited if the request was much smaller and having a lower impact operation. The public opinion from the first application was well taken and although he has the right to re-apply the outcome at the original location although much smaller and having a lower impact on the Township would be doubtful that the public would be changing their minds.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Chairman request Public Comment at 7:17 p.m.

Tom Frey confirmed that the work session is scheduled for Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and supports the continued research on the Point of Sale Ordinance agreeing that the County should take the lead and thanked the Commission for adding a second public comment. Robert Milliron, Milton Township resident spoke in his support of the Point of Sale Ordinance which works well for Milton Township. Karen Szcodronski requested that the commission hold strong and keep any language of "Distillery" out of the Ordinance. Carolyn Nichols asked that it be confirmed that the "Distillery" is not in the proposed Ordinance. It was confirmed. Richard Cicone spoke on his concerns regarding the Right to Farm Act, producing what you grow and the increase of requests for tasting rooms. Property would have to be re-zoned from AG to Commercial and the property owner following the processes in place. Public comment closed at 7:35 p.m.

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

FHT Planning Commission Special Meeting – Public Hearing – Class A designation of Lakewood Terrace.

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

FHT Planning Commission Ordinance work session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Paul Trumble, Chairman

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Linda Cran, Secretary

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