

FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Members present: Chairman Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Tom Sheneman, Linda Cran, Dan Steiner

Absent: None

Also present: Public attendance: Sign in sheet attached.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Paul Trumble.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Grenetta Thomassey, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council thanked the Commission on their work to consider the benefits of a Time of Transfer Septic Inspection Ordinance. Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services NW Michigan and Tip of the Mitt are teaming up to do some very specific local research. A grant was awarded which provides the resources to create an Antrim County-specific report. Public forms will be held this summer to inform the public as interest continues to increase. The report will be provided to the Township and become a valuable tool when considering a Time of Transfer Septic Inspection Ordinance. Tom Frey thanked the commission for saying the Pledge of Allegiance at every meeting. Carolyn Burke spoke of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment hearing coming up and that the table of contents page five (5) 1659 Winery or Brewery or Distillery's (Spirits). Karen Szcodronski thanked the Township for adding the minutes to the website and asked if a vote would be taken for the Proposed New Zoning Ordinance at the meeting June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman stated that the public hearing will be held and all parties interested will be given the opportunity to be heard. After the public hearing has been closed the commission may or may not vote to proceed with the process of recommending the Township Board take action. Tom Frey asked that if he has a complaint to make on the Planning Commission Enabling Act who would be take his complaint to. The Chairman answered it would depend on his complaint and who has the authority. Public comment closed at 7:13 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

It was moved by Cran, seconded by Sheneman that the Agenda be approved with the following additions: Medical Marijuana Update and Kearney Township Master Plan – input and comments. Motion carried – Unanimous.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

The Chairman asked if any of the members have a conflict of interest with any of the items on the agenda.

No conflicts stated.

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran that the minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried – Unanimous.

**ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW UPDATE:**

The Chairman announced that the notice of public hearing was published and set for Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Sheneman stated Section 1811. Authority for Supplemental Studies page 18-8 was this left in or taken out? The members had not received a copy of the final draft. Will discuss this at the public hearing with Jay Kilpatrick.

**POINT OF SALE UPDATE:**

At the July commission meeting a representative from Milton Township will speak on their Point of Sale Ordinance and explain how it's working for their Township. Tom Sheneman will check with Dick Corson on his experiences with the Kalkaska County-Wide Ordinance and report back at the next regular meeting. Doug Dewey expressed the need for the Township to proceed with a standalone ordinance, and to wait for the County to proceed with the concept the Township may be waiting a long time.

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA UPDATE:**

Linda Cran presented the latest article that she has found regarding Medical Marijuana and its affects good and bad. A petition drive needing over 250,000 signatures is gathering support to put on the 2016 Michigan Ballot: That marijuana be legalize for recreational purposes, which would create additional revenue through taxing, strengthen medical marijuana system and farming. There has been in Increase in articles on the benefits of medical marijuana. Carolyn Burke stated that a recent article was in the Nation Geographic on the benefits of medical marijuana.

**KEARNEY TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN UPDATE:**

The Chairman asked if the members have any comments and no comments were stated only that plan be proof read before printing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Paul reported that the construction is under way at the Lakewood Condo's on Clam Lake the first level of deck has been installed, walls are up and the contractors estimate 30 days to complete.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Frey – Spoke on the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. Carolyn Burke spoke on the downsized Munger Distillery that was discussed in an email from Mr. Munger. Carolyn Nichols asked if any of the members had seen or read the recent article in the Express paper if not should do so. John Edelman and Nancy Edelman spoke on the Miley’s project on the hill across from the waterfront properties and the problems that the residents are experiencing with the runoff from the hill. Expressing that entrance road issues are also a concern for this site. Alexander Robinson asked that the commission confirm the issue of distillery. Roger Crandall again thanked the commission for the public to have the opportunity to have a chance to have public comment at the beginning and at the end of the meetings. Public comment closed at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting is for the Public Hearing set for June 11, 2015 for the Proposed Amendments to the FHT Zoning Ordinance.

The next regular meeting is July 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Chairman, Paul Trumble

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Secretary, Linda Cran