

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017**

Members Present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner, Linda Cran, Tom Sheneman.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Stephen Barnard, Julia Burke and Carolynn Nichols

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

AGENDA

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran that the agenda be approved as presented.
Motion carried – unanimous.

The Chairman requested public comment. There was none.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE – STEPHEN BARNARD

Cedar Meadows Subdivision

Two (2) sites have not complied with Section 309 Excessive parking of vehicles.

- Mr. Kirkpatrick – Motorhome
- Bruce & Teresa Miles – Travel Trail

A letter will be written to each as the July 1, 2017 deadline has past.

On July 17, 2017 both Barnard and Trumble met with to representatives from Cedar Meadows Association regarding violations. Per Commission 8/2/2017

Short Term Rentals

Attended a session on Short Term Rentals with Representative, Triston Cole speaking on House Bill No. 4503 and Senate Bill No. 329 both bills introduced April 25, 2017. HB 4503 referred to Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation and SB 329 referred to Committee on Local Government both addressing Short Term Rentals. Considerations are being discussed that support the State being charged with the authority to control to regulate. This could be of interest to the local units as an amendment addressing authority and regulation could eliminate local units of government from the issue. He will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

Mr. & Mrs. Horling Complaint

A meeting was held *July 10, 2017* with Attorney Bill Derman, Stephen Barnard, Paul Trumble and ~~Doug Dewey~~ to discuss complaint and seek options available to the Township. The recommendation is that the Zoning Administrator sends a letter to home owner to address the complaint filed with the Township and to address how important set rules and controls are for short term rentals and renters. That consideration be given to parking, septic systems, noise and in general the respect of neighbors and lake quality. ***Per Commission 8/2/2017***

Future discussions:

- Take time to write an ordinance considering the State of Michigan is currently actively working with the Short Term Rental and if successful will take out of local authority.

- Michigan Township Association – Continues to be involved and has they learn of new information they will provide to the townships.

MEDICAL MARIHUANA UPDATE – LINDA CRAN

The Antrim County Planning Department sent a letter back on May 1, 2017 which addressed local units of government in Antrim County and the options under Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) Public Act 281 of 2016. The letter indicated the options available to local units of government.

- Take no action.
- Adopt a resolution stating intent to **not** adopt an ordinance authorizing medical marihuana facilities.
- Adopt an ordinance allowing one or more types of medical marihuana facilities.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Cran, seconded by Steiner that at this time the Forest Home Township Planning Commission shall **not** adopt an ordinance and are **not** taking action on Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA) Public Act 281 of 2016. Motion carried as follow – all presenting voting yes.

MINUTES

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Trumble that the meeting minutes dated June 7, 2017 be approved as written. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Dewey, Steiner, Cran, Sheneman; No – None; Absent – None; Abstain – Trumble (absent from meeting).

OLD BUSINESS

Sheneman asked the Zoning Administrator if Torch Lake Cellars has submitted a detailed list of events. Zoning Administrator stated that he has not received list of events and will contact Torch Lake Cellars to see if they have events scheduled and will report back next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Administrator spoke of an inquiry made by Steve Karner for property at 5984 Faye Drive (Silver Pines) the lot and building (a 1950's trailer) both non-conforming. Mr. Karner has suggested that he will be proposing to build a two (2) story house out of the trailer. He was informed that he will need to follow the process by complying with the requirements such as a site plan and survey. Will continue to report as needed.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Chairman, Paul Trumble

Secretary, Linda Cran