

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2018 @ 7:00 pm**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Linda Cran, Tom Sheneman
Absent: Doug Dewey and Dan Steiner
Also present: Steve Barnard,Carolynn Nichols and Barb Carton

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

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

AGENDA:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran that the agenda to approved as presented.
Motion carried – all present voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman request Public Comment. There was none.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE – Steven Barnard

Antrim Conservation District - Annual Contractor Meeting

Contractors – processes on completing applications for sites with soil erosion issues.

Silver Pines – 5984 Faye Drive

Owner Steve Karna reported that he would be holding off on his zoning appeal and would be working to maintain and clean-up site for now.

Land Use Permit Issued

1 New home on Honey Hollow Road

Various Matters

Road Appropriation HB 4321 signed by Governor Snyder.

Announced he will be attending the Michigan Township Association (MTA) Conference beginning April 23rd at the Acme Resort.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Cran, seconded by Sheneman that the minutes of March 17, 2018 be approved as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sheneman asked if any new information is available on the issue filed against Joanna Thorton - Organic Farming by James Leposky.

Barnard reported that he has no update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trumble reported that Networks Northwest is holding a session on Short-Term Rentals May 16th in Traverse City.

Barnard reported that he will register for the session and report back to commission.

Cran reported that the natural gas lines that are being laid on the east side of the Lynn Road.

Sheneman reported that additional bike shoulders to our Township Roads would be very beneficial.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Carolyn Nichols spoke of the session put on by Network Northwest for Short-Term Rentals would be beneficial for public and asked if the session is open to the public. The Chairman reported that the session is open to the public session. Barb Carton spoke in support of Short-Term Rental terms be kept a local issue not a State issue. She also spoke to the future plans of running natural gas lines north of Lynn Road and that residents have been notified by the gas company and that the plan will be to run lines around Torch Lake but it could take up to two (2) years. Public comment closed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary