

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 2, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Tom Sheneman, Dan Steiner, Linda Cran.  
Absent: None.  
Also present: Steve Barnard,Carolynn Nichols, Sue Mahan, Barb Carton.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman 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 be approve as presented.  
Motion carried – all present voting yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairman request Public Comment. There was none.

**ZONING UPDATE – STEPHEN BARNARD**

Land Use permits Issued:

2 permits issues for one (1) on Steiner Road and one (1) on Torch Lake Drive  
1 – New Home – Miley Acres  
New home total: 6

Training/Conferences:

Recently attended the Michigan Township Association (MTA) Conference session on Medical Marihuana which provided information on political issues.  
Will be attending the Short Term Rental conference offered by Networks Northwest on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

General Inquires:

Blight concerns: A resident called to discuss concerns of a situation on Cottage Drive and asked for assistance to meet with both parties to discuss the situation to resolve the problem.

Gas Lines:

Running north side of 620, Lynn Road, Torch Lake and Clam Lake.

Rustic to Refined Furniture Design – Stephen Dusette:

390 S. M-88 Hwy.

Motor home continues to be parked along the right-of-way and owner has an addition being built without permits.

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran that the minutes of the April 4, 2018 be approved with corrections. Motion carried – Yes – Trumble, Sheneman, Cran; No – None; Abstained – Dewey, Steiner; Absent – None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Events Schedule: Torch Lake Cellars**

Sheneman asked if the township has received any communications with Torch Lake Cellars regarding schedule of events. Barnard stated that he has not had contact with the owner and will send a reminder.

**Septic Standards Proposed Statewide:**

Trumble provided information on House Bills 5752 and 5753 introduced. These bills would direct the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) implement state and local standards for onsite wastewater treatment systems. Discussion followed.

**2018 Survey:**

Trumble spoke of the 2018 survey from the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation. Discussion followed.

**Other:**

Cran addressed the Bacon property. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cran inquired about moving her shed and placing a new shed on her property. Barnard stated that he will discuss application for land use permit and site plan after the meeting.

Sheneman spoke of the statewide petitions circulated to place recreational marihuana use on the ballot. Discussion followed.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Carolynn Nichols thanked the commission for offering the public the opportunity to speak at the beginning and at the end of each meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Chairman, Paul Trumble

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Secretary, Linda Cran