

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 @7:00 pm**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner, Tom Sheneman and Linda Cran.
Absent: None.
Also present: Stephen Barnard, Tom Frey, Barbara Carton, Diane Horling and Sue Mahan.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Agenda:

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

Public Comment:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Tom Frey spoke in appreciation of the commission starting each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Public comment closed.

Zoning Administrator Update – Stephen Barnard:

One (1) Site Visit and Review:

Randall & Laura Davis: 9179 Claim Lake Dr. 05-07-530-022-00 parcel next to Marina.
County GIS parcel map and aerial map inaccuracies.

Permits Issued:

Four (4) new houses
Two (2) land splits

Upcoming Training:

DEQ Shoreline Buffer Session: September 12th in Charlevoix
MSU Extension Office & MI Sea Grant Training: Michigan Water School in Traverse City on September 17th and 18th for those that have a local role in the management & protection of local water resources.

Website/IT Issues:

IT vendor continues to work on the Township server.

Steve Bacon Site:

Waterfront project is meeting all requirements as of this date.

Minutes:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran that the commission minutes dated August 1, 2018 be approved as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

Old Business:

Trumble reported that he had received complaints on the work along Lewin Road (ditches) and Burt Thompson has offered to do a site visit.

The Gas Company that are running new gas lines along 620 and Clam Lake Road have experienced issues after running their lines under the road and near creek causing flooding.

New Business:

Linda Cran reported that she attended an Antrim County District Conservation meeting and that Heidi Shafer addressed the requirements and permitting process for shoreline protection and the recycling program.

Public Comment:

The Chairman request Public Comment. Diane Horling spoke of short term rental concerns asking that commission be proactive rather than reactive. Barb Carton spoke of the difficulty of short term rentals. Tom Frey spoke of the makeup of the Planning Commission and that the north and the south portion of the Township are not represented. That the Township would be better represented if the Commission was a seven (7) or nine (9) member commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Chairman, Paul Trumble

Secretary, Linda Cran