

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 2, 2019 @7:00 PM**

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

Also present: Steve Barnard and Carolyn Nichols and Sue Mahan

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 Dewey that the Agenda be amended to add the Election of Officers after Public Comment. Motion carried – Unanimous.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Carolyn Nichols thanked members for their work.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2019**

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Steiner that the following be nominated and that the nominations be closed and those nominated as officers be voted on and seated.

**Paul Trumble – Chairman  
Doug Dewey – Vice-Chairman  
Linda Cran – Secretary**

Motion carried as follows: Yes – Steiner, Cran, Dewey, Trumble, Sheneman; No – None; Absent – None.

**Paul Trumble – Declared Chairman  
Doug Dewey – Declared Vice-Chairman  
Linda Cran – Declared Secretary**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR - STEVE BARNARD: Update**

**LEGISLATURE & GOVERNOR - Lame Duck passage:**

Fireworks Bill – signed

**Bills – Senate passed - Died in House Committee:**

Preemption of tree and vegetation regulations on commercial and industrial tracts  
Exemption of logging trucks and equipment from road-protection regulations  
Preemption of breed-specific dog ordinances

Nobele – Brown Snowflake Heritage Trust

240 S. M-88 Bellaire

Application was completed on April 2018 for a 14' x 36' storage building.

On December 31, 2018 site photos were taken that presents the storage building is being used for as guesthouse with a patio on the lake side. The various Agencies that permit utilities have no record of application being made by the owner.

Hobbie Farming Rural Residential

Bill Derman will be checking with Milton Township and other surrounding townships for ordinance language that identifies Hobbie Farming on less than five (5) acres.

Discussion followed.

Pets per acre: Dogs, cats etc.

Excessive: Chickens – 91 (noise & order).

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Cran, seconded by Dewey that the minutes of December 5, 2018 be approved with corrections. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trumble spoke on statistics reported on Short Term Rental identifies Antrim County 11<sup>th</sup> in the State of Michigan. That there are 16,000 rentals in Michigan generating an estimated two (2) million dollars per year.

Cran asked about the Steve Bacon property

Barnard addressed the questions, stating that there has been no new action and that items continue to come and go. (Sold and moved)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trumble spoke of an issue brought to his attention that at the road ending of Steiner Road at Torch Lake that the neighbor to the south has tacked a sheeting onto and over the township fence to prevent snow from blowing into his yard. He will address Parks and Recreation Commission with the complaint at their next meeting.

Cran announced that she will be having surgery but at this time plans to be at the next meeting.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Chairman, Paul Trumble

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Secretary, Linda Cr