

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
MINUTES
May 1, 2019 @7:00 PM**

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

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

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

The Chairman requested Public Comment: Tom Frey addressed the Commission to thank them for beginning each meeting with the pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and for continuing public comment at the beginning and end of each meeting. He thanked them for their work on the Commission and announced that he will soon be moving the Auburn Hills.

AGENDA:

It was moved by Sheneman, seconded by Steiner, that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried – Unanimous.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - STEVE BARNARD:

Lutheran Church Cemetery

Reported that the Lutheran Church Board is seeking information on creating a church cemetery on the south side of the church. The site contains an estimated six (6) acres and the Board will work with the State of Michigan to obtain application for permits, process and regulation guidelines.

HB 4268

Handout – continue to watch progress.

Referred: Committee on Communications and Technology – Broadband Service (eligible broadband equipment that resolves lack of broadband service (MCL 211.1 to 211.155 addition Section 9P).

Kirk & Cherie Morey –Torch Lake Drive near Dockside entrance

Owner applied for permits from the DEQ to fill driveway to enter property and the DEQ approved permits which enables the owners to get to upland of property. Mr. Morey will be seeking a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals to build a pole barn in upland.

Torch Lake Cellars – Mike Sheneman

Submitted events schedule and discussed possible expansion of facilities to include a Pavilion & Disc Golf Course.

Smart Business Solutions: Document Management Software System

SBS Portals – Document Management Software System to improve access to assist with daily research. The request will be addressed at the next FHT Board meeting.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Cran, seconded by Sheneman, to approve the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried – Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Trumble reported that he has heard that Joanna Thorton – Organic Farming located at Grass Lake Road is selling fryers and eggs for her home.

Discussion followed.

- Trumble referred to the Zoning Administrator for further review and site visit.
- Trumble also reported Helena Township approved to opt-out of Marijuana.
- State of Michigan approved the concept of experimental fields for hemp and are now working to develop rules and regulations.

Discussion followed.

Master Plan Review and Update:

Williams and Works – Andy Moore

Commission suggestions: Review following

- Property division
- Housing needs/Single/Multi/Duplexes
- Traffic
- Parks
- Plan for future and growth

Williams and Works to review the current plan.

- Update statics
- Address improvements/needs/trends
- Present a rough draft for Commission to review and discuss.
- Mr. Moore will then be present at a future meeting.
- Estimated cost of services \$10,000 - \$15,000

Steiner will provide the above information to the FHT Board and seek Board input on the direction the Commission recommends and their support.

Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cran reported that the Dockside Restaurant and Bar has been sold and the new owners have installed a break wall along the edge of pavement to prevent erosion.

Trumble reported that the Township owns 16 feet of Torch Lake frontage and actually not enough space to make noticeable improves.

Barnard reported that Terry Malone property owner on Torch Lake Drive has split his property into three (3) ten (10) acre parcels and property on Robinson Road containing an estimated 96 acres in the care of the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Tom Frey addressed the Commission to inform them that there is an application for your phone that will provide land ownership, etc. at a minimal cost per year. Public Comment closed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Chairman, Paul Trumble

Secretary, Linda Cran