

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

This meeting due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic was conducted in-person at the Township Hall. Adhering to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic by maintaining a six-foot distance from one another while indoors, face covering, temperatures taken, hand sanitizer available and by limiting public in person attendance according to space available in the Township meeting room.

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner, Linda Cran and Tom Sheneman.
Absent: There was none.
Public present: Kathy Dittman, Karl Dittman, Julia Pietrowicz, Versile Dawson, Barbara Ballard, Brian Ballard, Rodney Marshall, Barb Carton, Barry Cole and Ronald Brewer.

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

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

AGENDA:

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING: # 1 Called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Karl and Kathleen Dittman

FHT Parcel #05-07-211-001-00
564 S M-88 Hwy.
Bellaire MI 49615

A Special Land Use to construct an Accessory Building before a new Home.
Per Article 6, Section 1638

Zoning Administrator reported the following:

Notices to surrounding property owners – no response
Public hearing – published in Antrim Review

Mr. Dittman addressed his application for an Accessory Building for storage placed on a site that is 8 acres, near gas well, no power or septic.

Discussion followed by members.

No power, no septic, no house, from proposal will not be able to see from M-88.

Moved by Steiner, seconded by Dewey, that the Special Land Use application for Karl and Kathleen Dittman to construct an Accessory Building for storage as submitted be approved. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING: #2

Brian and Barbara Ballard

Julia Pietrowicz Realtor

FHT Parcel 05-07-215-006-45

GH-3 Eckhardt Road

Bellaire MI 49615

A Special Land Use: for Personal storage building site plan Approximate 2.38 Acre parcel.

Non-buildable for residence Pole Barn for storage with no electric and property does not perk.

Discussion followed by members.

Sheneman addressed the water issue stating that site will not perk be re-addressed with the Health Department and a letter be provided to the commission to verify status.

Use by right, AG property storage seek opinion of Attorney.

Moved by Cran, seconded by Dewey, that the Special Land Use application for Brian and Barbara Ballard be **TABLED** until the Townships legal counsel can provide the commission with recommendation. Motion carried - all present voting yes.

Public Hearings closed at 7:49 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Barb Carton addressed the commission on the status of the Short Term Rental survey. Barry Cole introduced himself to the commission as the FHT legal counsel. He stated that if one's property does not perk when testing for water unable to build a home. Public comment closed at 7:50 p.m.

Barnard reported:

He will continue to work with legal counsel on the Ballard request.

BARRY COLE – LEGAL COUNSEL:

Addressed the commission regarding the process for amendments to the Special Land Use.

Amendment/Public Hearing/Publish.

Discussion followed.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE - STEVE BARNARD:

He reported that he would continue to work with legal counsel on the Ballard request.

GORDIE SHAFFER: PROPOSAL

Jensen Bridge & Supply Company – A four (4) Garage Bay with Living Quarters 60 x 182 feet long on five (5) Acres.

Barry Cole comments.

Discussion followed.

STEVE BACON – CLEANUP:

Letter sent to Mr. Bacon requesting that he remove junk from road or Civil Infraction could be issued.

Discussion followed.

Barry Cole – Legal counsel left meeting at 8:36 p.m.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Steiner, that the meeting minutes of April 7, 2021 be approved as written. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Dewey, Sheneman, Steiner and Trumble; No – None; Abstained – Cran; Absent – None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Plan:

No updates

Short Term Rentals:

Barb Carton sample survey:

Williams & Works:

House Bill 4722

Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheneman addressed the members – regarding a homeowner on Cottage Lake Drive – Appliance scrap and parts neatly stacked and organized.

Discussion followed.

County working on a County Fireworks Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The chair requested public comment. Ronald Brewer addressed the commission on Short Term rentals. Public comment ended at 9:06.

Next regular meeting June 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary