

FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2020 @ 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, Tom Sheneman and Linda Cran.
Absent: None.
Public present: John Symons and David Martin

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 written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. David Martin addressed the commission to thank them for their service. Public comment closed.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE - STEVE BARNARD:

9178 Clam Lake Road: Complaints

That the homeowner's sons are living in trailer/camper and now moved into garage.

Update: Sons no longer living in the garage they are living in the house.

Discussion followed.

Windward Shores Construction Project update:

Contractor – Ken VanHouten Site Plan updated.

Vallar Property located at 7297 Baginski Drive, Bellaire:

Barron & Engstrom, P.L.C.: Letter regarding property line issues that arose based upon the Township discovering that certain improvements on their land exist within the right-of-way of Baginski Drive.

Neighbors John & Jacqueline Symons, Linda Holton, Paul & Doris Delage and Troy & Fawn Knight.

Discussion followed.

Kyle Aldrich and Christopher Dewey – Property on Clam Lake Road:

New build – no well and septic pulled as of this report.

MINUTES:

Moved by Cran, seconded by Sheneman, that the meeting minutes of October 7, 2020 be approved as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

SHORT-TERM RENTAL – SURVEY:

Trumble addressed the draft Short Term Rental Survey seeking additional questions from members. There was no additional questions from members. Discussion followed.

It was a consensus of the commission members that the draft be sent to Williams and Works after the chair takes draft to the FHT Supervisor, Terry Smith for his review and input.

MASTER PLAN:

Trumble announced that review of Master Plan to continue upon receipt of next update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Antrim County Emergency Services wants to put up an antenna that is 188 feet tall this antenna as proposed to too tall. This project will require a Special Land Use Permit and have to be located at a site that will accommodate a 500 feet clearance all the way around the antenna. Also, follow FCC and Tele Communication guidelines.

Cran – Reported:

That a homeowner on Clam Lake Road reported that they had heard gunshots and that the property owners are shooting into their hill.

That political signs in her subdivision Green Acres are now down.

Honey Hollow Road - That a camper/trailer having been parked on property near the corner for so long that it is rotting. Barnard will follow up and report.

Trumble - Reported:

That he had heard the gunshots and reported to the Antrim County Sheriff Department.

Dewey – Reported: That the signs that are all along East Torch Lake Drive that say (Don't Fertilize) could be a blight issue and should not be in the easement.

Barnard reported that the Torch Lake Property Association (TLPA) are taking signs down this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair requested Public Comment. David Martin addressed the Commission seeking the timeline projected for the Short Term Rental Survey proposed draft to final document and when can residents except to receive a survey. The Chair stated that the survey might have to go back and forth between Williams and Works and the Planning Commission and hope to send in 2021.

Public comment closed at 8:14 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary