

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2020 @7:00 pm**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Tom Sheneman and Linda Cran.
Absent: Dan Steiner.
Also, present: Carolyn Nichols, Dale Snook and Dave Hill.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Dale Snook addressed the Commission on property he has purchased in the township. The property has a driveway and culvert and seeking zoning rules for a dwelling that he plans to build in the future. He continued to speak on the business of rental homes all along Clam Lake and Torch Lake in comparison to a boat rental business. Public comment closed.

AGENDA:

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - STEVE BARNARD:

Torch Lake Cellars – Mike Sheneman:

Reviewed site plan application for a Pavilion 30x60' and Disc Golf issued permit – meet all zoning requirements.

Dr. Jeffrey Green 5622 S.E. Torch Lake Drive:

Mr. Green owns three (3) properties and two (2) Short Term Rentals reporting that these rentals are unoccupied 42 ~~or~~ 43 weeks per year. Renting these houses assist with paying property taxes and maintaining sites. He does not support the placing of restrictions on rentals in Forest Home Township and that having a responsible local property manager can eliminate most issues.

Scott Crandall – Construction:

Issued two permits: one - New house and one - Demolition

Windward Shores – New owners:

Project review.
Discussion followed.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Dewey, to approve the minutes of January 8, 2020 as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

Master Plan - Williams & Works:

Part Three: A Plan for the Future

Chapter 7 Policies, Goals and Objectives

- Pages 7-1 through 7-6

Chapter 8 Future Land Use and Zoning Plan

- Pages 8-1 through 8-8 and Future Land Use Map

Trumble asked the members to review chapters and map and will discuss at the next meeting.

Short-term Rentals: Survey

Trumble – Williams & Works will format the survey once the commission agrees to questions and keep survey to one page.

Discussion followed.

Cedar Meadows Dead Trees:

- Steiner – offered to address the issue – Status?
- No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Williams & Works – Wedding and Event Barns:

- Farm Tourism Facility Draft Ordinance

Future draft forthcoming from Williams & Works:

- Update: Boardwalks
- Samples: Tiny Houses/RV's Travel Trailers and 5th Wheels

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Dave Hill addressed the commission asking if the survey is going to be mailed or online. Carolyn Nichols thanked the commission for their work. Public comment closed at 7:43 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary