

FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 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 and Tom Sheneman.
Absent: Linda Cran.
Public present: There was none.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was none.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE - STEVE BARNARD:

Chad Munger – Bellaire Highway

Proposed Store that would be open year round:
Market selling Juniper/Lavender, etc.

Karl and Kathleen Dittman:

Pole Barn for ‘toys’ – May 5, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Brian Ballard – Special Land Use Application GH-3 Eckhardt Road, Bellaire:

Current owners Jeffery Walker and James Sawyer property sale pending (Special Land Use – outcome). The property is approximately 2.3 acres and Brian Ballard is seeking a Special Land Use to construct an Accessory Building before a new home – hearing May 5. Discussion followed.
The Chairman suggested that the Zoning Administrator check site and provide report.

Hollis Garage- 9178 Clam Lake Road:

Garage being occupied by two people without sewer and septic.
Many calls complaining of these two people living in the garage all winter and callers have observed them unloading firewood into the garage. Steve reminded the commission that this was discussed in 2020, when he notified the Antrim County Building Department and the Health Department and neither department had permitted use/occupancy permits.

- Attorney Cole noted that township must be able to establish that the prohibited use occurred and/or is continuing before enforcement action can be taken. If proven this is a clear violation of Section 304. Standards of Dwelling, in Subsections A, B, and C.

INFORMATIONAL:

Laketown Township Ordinance – Rental Unit Amendment Ordinance

Special Land Use fee \$100.00 to \$500.00.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Dewey, that the meeting minutes of December 2, 2021 be approved as written. All present voting yes.

Special Meeting: Dennis Malone – 2565 S. East Torch Lake Drive, Bellaire

Application for the construction of an accessory building prior to a new single family dwelling

Moved by Dewey, seconded by Sheneman, that the special meeting minutes of December 21, 2020 be approved as written. All present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

MASTER PLAN Update:

Continue to review.

Sheneman mentioned that he has tagged 4.4 and Map 10 Land Use, 2016.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL – SURVEY:

Williams and Works sample survey review and commission compared to the Planning Commission created survey.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Steiner, that the Zoning Supervisor notify William and Works that the Planning Commission survey containing seven (7) questions be the approved survey for Forest Home Township residents Short Term Rentals. All present voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheneman addressed commission to discuss the difference between a Pole Barn and an Accessory Buildings if not a primary residence.

Discussion followed.

- Continue site review
- Leave room for house

Dewey addressed the commission to discuss issues created by a huge bubbler on Clam Lake this winter. Snowmobiles were unable to cross Clam Lake this past winter.

Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair requested Public Comment. There was none.

Next meeting May 5, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary