

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 2, 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: Julia Pietrowicz, Barbara Ballard, Brian Ballard and Barb Carton.

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: SPECIAL LAND USE APPLICATION BALLARD continued.**

The Chairman called the Public Hearing for the Special Land Use for Brian and Barbara Ballard **TABLED** to provide the commission time to consult legal counsel. The first public hearing was held on May 5, 2021 meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Discussion followed. Brian and Barbara Ballard both addressed the commission on their intent to construct a personal storage building. The site plan and location of the Personal Storage Building with no plumbing and the future construction of a dwelling, setbacks and wetlands concerns.

The Chairman called the public hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

The Chairman reconvened to the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran, that the commission approve a Special Land Use Permit for Parcel #05-07-215-006-45, GH-3 Eckhardt Road owner Brian and Barbara Ballard to construct a personal storage building 36' x 30' to be built as far back as fill being added could allow and permitted. That the property owners have a Wetland Delineation Assessment Report of said property prior to any construction and provide a copy to the Forest Home Township Zoning Administrator. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Cran, Dewey, Sheneman, Steiner, Trumble; No – None; Absent – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Barbara Carton addressed the commission on when the township hall would be re-opening for regular business. Trumble stated that the Township is waiting for an update from the Health Department

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE - STEVE BARNARD:**

### **Brian and Barbara Ballard:**

He reported that he had worked with legal counsel on this request.

- New Site Plan with measurements and wetland delineation Assessment report.

### **Short Term Rental Survey:**

Samples sent to legal counsel

### **Deep Water Point:**

- Accessory Buildings are all over the place.
- Reviewed permits many very old and building have deteriorated and replaced without a new permit by property owners.
- Complaint: Caller unable to see the lake due to her neighbor replacing his shed which now blocks her view.

Discussion followed.

Barnard reported that he sent a letter to the owner requesting that the replacement shed be placed on the original sheds footprint.

### **Lambert – 4430 Clam Lake Road:**

No violations and organized scrapper.

### **Eckhardt Road & 620:**

County doing gravel work and are dumping fill.

County has standing permission to dump fill per EAGLE.

### **Steve Bacon – Cleanup:**

Easement cleared and items moved or at least removed from the front yard.

## **MINUTES:**

Moved by Steiner, seconded by Cran, that the meeting minutes of May 5, 2021 be approved as written. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Cran, Dewey, Sheneman, Steiner and Trumble; No – None; Absent – None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Event Permits**

Sheneman: Status of event permits being filed.

Barnard reported that he has no local event permits for 2021.

### **Master Plan:**

No updates

Short Term Rentals:

Senate Bill No 446  
Discussion followed.

9178 Clam Lake Road: Complaints

Men still living in garage.

Windward Shores: Torch Lake Drive:

Construction continues appears to be slow moving:  
Garage – Smoke Room and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor personal use (2) permits (1) footprint.

Chad Munger Property (Mammoth) Bellaire Highway:

Property is being farmed (Juniper and Lavender).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The chair requested public comment. Barb Carton addressed the commission seeking status of providing minutes online. Discussion followed. Public comment closed at 8:12 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Paul Trumble, Chairman

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Linda Cran, Secretary