

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 2, 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.  
**Also present:** Jerry and Jennifer Harbin, Jane Mercurio, Barb Carton and Delores Horling.

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. There was none.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE - STEVE BARNARD:**

**Short Term Rentals:**

Attorney Barry Cole letter dated September 2:  
Summary of Reaume V Spring Lake Township: May be helpful when considering an ordinance.  
Tessa Tomkins – email dated August 23 regarding Short Term Rentals on North Shore Drive.

**Clam River Marina (proposed):**

Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy notice of Public Hearing.  
Applicant Judith Hall Hill, Clam River Harbor LLC at 2852 S. East Torch Lake Drive.  
Discussion followed.  
Public input: Jerry and Jennifer Harbin and Jane Mercurio addressed the commission seeking additional detail of application. That there is seven (7) property owners in this area and association known as the “Clam River Torch Lake Channel/Wetlands Preservation Association.”  
Barnard reported that the application is consistent with the Forest Home Township Ordinance “Waterfront Commercial Zone.”

**Permits Issued:**

Sheneman asked about construction on Clam Lake Drive is this a pole barn or house?  
Barnard reported that it is a house.  
Steven Ball permitted in July a Pole Barn with living quarters 800 square feet.  
New Houses - Two

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Cran, seconded by Dewey, to approve the meeting minutes of the August 5, 2020 with correction. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SURVEY – SHORT TERM RENTALS:**

Sample survey questions submitted as follows:

Jan Steiner

Barb Carton

Commission - list of 33 questions to be reduced

Sheneman prepared a list containing 20 questions but sent and unable to get from his phone.

Review and Discussion followed.

The Chairman requested that the list prepared by Sheneman be provided to all members for the next meeting.

**MASTER PLAN:**

Part 3 – A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE Chapter 9 Implementation Strategies

Future Land Use – 2020 Draft map

Discussion followed.

Part Three Chapter 9 all agreed on proposed language.

Map – Draft is correct.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Sheneman: Greenbelts along new construction waterfront home and permitting and inventory questions.

Discussion followed

Sheneman: Complaint regarding Noise Ordinance after 11:00 p.m.

No Countywide Ordinance.

Chairman Trumble referred to the Star Township Anti-Noise Ordinance proposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairman requested Public Comment. Barb Carton thanked the commission for their efforts for the Short Term Rental survey. Public comment closed at 8:16 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Paul Trumble, Chairman

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Linda Cran, Secretary