

FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 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, Linda Cran and Tom Sheneman.
Absent: There was none.
Public present: Fay and Craig VandenBerg, Glenn Hallett, Janis Puibe, Barb Carton, Scott Sentieri and Barry Cole.

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.

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

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIAL LAND USE:

LESTER AND FAY VANDENBERG:

7187 Crystal Springs Road, Bellaire MI 49615

Tax ID# 05-07-234-009-30 Lynn Road

Proposed: Pole Building Site Plan for the construction of a 40' x 60' Pole Building to be built on the backside of the lot, the full lot size is 200' wide x 460' deep.

Zoning District: Agricultural

Steven Barnard, Forest Home Township Supervisor addressed the commission to report the following:

- Notice of public hearing for special land use properly published.
- No response from surrounding neighbors as required.

Discussion followed.

Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

The Chair called the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Moved by Steiner, seconded by Dewey, that the commission approve the Special Land Use permit for Lester and Fay VandenBerg to construct a 40' x 60' pole building per site plan, Tax ID #05-07-234-009-30 Lynn Road, Bellaire. All present voting yes.

The Chair requested Public Comment. Glenn Hallett and Kevin Watrous each addressed the commission. Public comment closed at 7:32 p.m.

Barry Cole – Legal Counsel – Short Term Rentals:

Survey for Short Term Rentals:

- Hold off on survey as the Michigan Legislatures may act on proposed legislation in July or August:

Discussion followed.

- Regulations, standards and zoning premature at this time.
- Abuses: Number of people, cars, boats and behavior of renters.
- Wait and watch what our legislatures do over the next couple of months.

Moved by Cran, seconded by Dewey the Short Term Rental issues and the Forest Home Township Short Term Rental Survey be **TABLED** pending the outcome and action taken by the Michigan State Legislatures. All present voting yes.

REPORT - Steven Barnard Zoning Administrator:

- Vehicles have been parking in the FHT parking lot overnight due to lack of space at a local Bed and Breakfast. He will address this issue with the FHT Supervisor, Terry Smith.
- Short Term Rental – Lakefront (tents) Future topic for commission.
- Hollis garage 9178 Clam Lake Road – Men still living in garage which is prohibited by ordinance, proof needed by statements from neighbors.
- Dale Snook – Complaints of vehicles and trailers parked at this driveway/parking lot. Mr. Snook has also planted trees all along edge of property.

MINUTES:

Moved by Cran, seconded by Dewey, that the commission approve the meeting minutes of June 2, 2021 as corrected. All present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

MASTER PLAN:

Draft review and discussion.

Moved by Steiner, seconded by Dewey to approve the FHT Master Plan draft dated December 2, 2020 and recommend to the FHT Board for their approval and distribution. All present voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheneman addressed a huge deck on the waters-edge on Lake Bellaire, off Cottage Drive. Discussion followed. Barnard will check on this and provide a report at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The chair requested Public comment. Janis Puibe and Scott Sentieri addressed the commission. Public comment closed at 9:00 a.m.

Next regular meeting August 4, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary