

**FHT PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING  
MINUTES  
&  
PUBLIC HEARING - MASTER PLAN  
October 6, 2021 @7:00 PM**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner and Linda Cran  
Absent: Tom Sheneman  
Also, present Stephen Barnard, David Martin, Fay & Lester Vandenberg and Andy Williams.

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

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

**VANDBERG – SPECIAL LAND USE – OBJECTION: Barnard**

Objection filed by Randall Rothe, 8870 Lynn Road (neighbor immediately east of the subject property).

Zoning Administrator – Stephen Barnard

Addressed the commission:

- New site plan with all request met
- Side set back 43 feet
- Opinion of Township Attorney – Barry Cole

Discussion followed.

Moved by Steiner, and seconded by Dewey that the commission approve the Special Land Use application for Fay & Lester Vandenberg as submitted with changes from the original application to construct a Pole building with all required setbacks being met. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

**AGENDA:**

Moved by Cran, seconded by Dewey, that the commission approve the agenda as written.  
Motion carried – all present voting yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chair requested Public Comment. David Martin addressed the commission on Short Term Rentals. Public Comment closed at 7:14 p.m.

The Chair closed regular meeting at 7:14 p.m.

The Chair opened the PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:15 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON FHT MASTER PLAN**

Andy Williams of Williams and Works addressed the Commission and members of the public on the proposed Master Plan.

That the proposed Master Plan is desirable, proper, and reasonable plan that furthers the use, preservation, and development goals and strategies of the Township.  
Discussion followed.

The Chair request Public Comment. There was no public comment.

The Chair then closed the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:28 p.m.

The Chair re-convened the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #01-2021** By Dan Steiner, and seconded by Doug Dewey

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED FOREST HOME  
TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AND CONSTITUTING PLANNING  
COMMISSION APPROVAL OF SUCH MASTER PLAN AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3801 et seq. (“MPEA”) authorizes the Planning Commission to prepare a Master Plan for the use, development, and preservation of all lands in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission prepared a Master Plan and submitted such plan to the Township Board for review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2021, the Forest Home Township Board received and reviewed the proposed Master Plan prepared by the Planning Commission and authorized distribution of the Master Plan to the Notice Group entities identified in the MPEA; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was provided to the Notice Group entities as provided in the MPEA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on today’s date to consider public comment on the proposed Master Plan, and to further review and comment on the proposed Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission finds that the proposed Master Plan is desirable, proper, and reasonable and furthers the use, preservation, and development goals and strategies of the Township;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **Approval of 2021 Master Plan.** The Planning Commission approves the proposed Master Plan, including all of the chapters, figures, descriptive matters, maps, and tables contained therein.
2. **Distribution to Township Board.** Pursuant to MCL 125.3843, the Township Board has asserted by resolution its right to approve or reject the proposed Master Plan and therefore, the approval granted herein is not the final step for adoption of the plan as provided in MCL 125.3843. In addition, the Planning Commission hereby approves distribution of the proposed Master Plan to the Township Board. The Planning Commission respectfully recommends that the Township give final approval and adoption of the proposed Master Plan.
3. **Finding of Fact.** The Planning Commission has made the foregoing determination based on a review of existing land uses in the Township, a review of the existing Master Plan provisions and maps, and input received from the Township Board and at the public hearing, as well as the assistance of a professional planning group. The Planning Commission also finds that the proposed Master Plan will accurately reflect and implement the Township’s

goals and strategies for the use, preservation, and development of lands within Forest Home Township.

4. **Effective Date.** The Master Plan will be effective upon the adoption on today's date.

Yes – Linda Cran, Doug Dewey, Dan Steiner, Paul Trumble;

No – None;

Absent – Tom Sheneman.

#### **RESOLUTION #01-2021 DECLARED ADOPTED**

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

##### **Short Term Rentals:**

Update – Michigan Legislatures

#### **MINUTES:**

Moved by Cran, and seconded by Steiner, that the Commission approve the September 1, 2021 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried – Unanimous.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Hollis Garage- 9178 Clam Lake Road: Dewey:**

Asked if the two (2) men are still living in the garage.

Barnard reported that the owner (mother) has asked the two sons to move out and cleanup.

##### **Torch Lake Cellars – Trumble reported:**

- No loud music
- Many lights

##### **Steve Bacon property – M-88: Cran reported:**

That an old dead tree fell over and now blocks the side yard.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Barnard – Will distribute the Master Plan copies as soon as copies are available.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairman requested Public Comment. There was no public comment. Public comment closed at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Chair, Paul Trumble

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Secretary, Linda Cran