

FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 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: 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 Cran, seconded by Sheneman, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair requested public comment. There were none.

REPORT - Steven Barnard Zoning Administrator:

- Torch Lake Cellars – Events scheduled proposed and approved. Trumble and Sheneman both reported that the event was very loud.
- Complaint – Property owner Rebecca Boone impeding water-flow.
- Michael McCann – DEQ/EAGLE permitted a 40' x 40' dock with a 12 x 12' permeant boathouse.
- Jeff Roelofs New Structure, with A.C. Soil Erosion Officer, Heidi Shafer permitting front yard. Clearing of property in violation and letter sent to property owner to inform him that he is required to plant trees. That the site be returned to as close as possible to the original state by planting mature trees and 30 foot from waters-edge. To issue a citation if the owner does not restore site by planting trees and check on in the fall to verify that owner has complied.
- A letter was sent to property owner Diane Lambert on Clam Lake Drive and she is complying with cleanup request.
- Master Plan has been presented and approved by the Forest Home Township Board and distribution to entities to begin as required with a 42-day waiting period.

MINUTES:

Moved by Dewey, seconded by Sheneman, that the commission meeting minutes of July 7, 2021 be approved as written. All present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sheneman addressed a huge deck/platform containing and estimated 100 square feet on the waters-edge on Lake Bellaire, off Cottage Drive.
Discussion followed.

Barnard reported that he has not looked at this site, but will get to it and report at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheneman reported that Charles Sheneman hosted a medical marijuana private party/2-day event near Torch lake Cellars just east behind Laura Fischer property with tickets sold for \$500.00 each and music ending at 11:45 p.m.

Discussion followed.

Farm Tourism guidelines does not address time limit for entertainment events and noise/music.
Reasonable time for loud music to end 11:00 p.m. **Correction 9/1/2021**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The chair requested Public comment. Barb Carton addressed the commission on Short Term Rental Ordinance. Public comment closed at 7:58 p.m.

Next regular meeting September 1, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Paul Trumble, Chairman

Linda Cran, Secretary