

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
&  
PUBLIC HEARING  
September 1, 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 Lester Vandenberg, Kyle Aldrich, Barb Carton, Steve and Chris Draper, and Brad Kik.

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

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

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PAUL C. STRATTON – SPECIAL LAND USE APPLICATION**

Stephen Barnard, FHT Zoning Administrator addressed the commission and public on the Special Land Use Application as follows:

- Paul C. and Denise Stratton: 7304 Hemstreet Road, Bellaire
- Parcel Tax ID: #05-07-214-005-30
- Request: Special Land Use Permit for the construction of a Personal Storage Building prior to future construction of a dwelling, in accordance with Article 6, Section 1638.
- The site plan contains request for driveway and pole barn with site for future dwelling within three (3) years.
- All neighbors notified and no responses have been received.

Discussion followed.

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

The Chairman re-opened the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Cran that the Special Land Use application for Paul Stratton be approved as proposed for a driveway and pole barn with site for future dwelling within three (3) years as proposed. All present voting yes.

**AGENDA:**

Moved by Sheneman, seconded by Dewey, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chair requested public comment at 7:10 p.m. No public comment at this time.

**REPORT - Steven Barnard Zoning Administrator:**

**Complaints:**

**Fay & Lester VandenBerg Special Land Use Permit:**

7187 Crystal Springs Road, Property Tax ID # 05-07-234-009-30

Pole frame building 40'W x60' with 80' setback from each side and 70' back of parcel.

14' walls, concrete floors, gravel drive and concrete pad.

Zoned Ag. FHT Ordinance Section 1803 page 18

Complaint received from a neighbor that the concrete pad location does not match the site plan.

42' from property-line and site plan proposed 80' from each side and centered.

Leading to a Stop Construction notice.

The Vandenberg's and Kyle Aldrich addressed the commission as the data used was from the Antrim County Website.

Discussion followed.

Fay & Lester VandenBerg to reapply with a new site plan.

- ~~Center on property~~
- ~~Move pad~~
- ~~Expedite application (Zoning Administrator)~~
- No additional permit fees

**CORRECTION 10/6/2021**

**Sawmill – Steven Draper:**

Complaint received from a neighbor that Mr. Draper operates a Sawmill at all times of the day at 2502 S. M-88 Highway and 2446 S. M-88 Highway.

Mr. Draper addressed the commission on the complaint and stated that he is a firewood processor not a Sawmill.

The firewood in both piles are already spoken for and asked that the commission to permit him to complete the orders for firewood and that he will not accept any additional orders.

Discussion followed.

Option:

- Move processing to AG zoned property and move logs an estimated .5 miles.
- Have future loads of logs delivered to the back portion of AG zoned property.
- Wrap up commitments

Commission reasonable to a temporary solution to process all logs on site and cleanup.

**Fence, boundary disputes:**

- No permits issued
- Sheds being placed on property line of neighbor

Discussion followed.

Barry Cole, Twp. Attorney – Zoning Administrator does not handle boundary disputes.

**MASTER PLAN – Update:**

The Master Plan as proposed was accepted by the FHT Board and the comment period has begun with the Public Hearing set for Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Andy Moore of Williams and Works will attend and provide assistance at the public hearing.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Cran, seconded by Sheneman, that the meeting minutes of August 4, 2021 be approved with ~~corrected~~ correction. All present voting yes. **CORRECTION 10/6/2021**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Cran reported that she had attended an “Arts” performance at the “Kik’s” with many attending.

Trumble reported that a special events held at Torch Lake Cellars is causing public complaints stating excessive noise.

Barnard will contact Torch Lake Cellars and let them know that complaints of excessive noise.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chair requested Public Comment at 8:00 p.m. Barb Carton and Brad Kik each addressed the commission. Public comment closed at 8:01 p.m.

Next regular meeting Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Paul Trumble, Chairman

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Linda Cran, Secretary