

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, and Tom Sheneman. ~~and Linda Cran.~~
Absent ~~none.~~ **LINDA CRAN** **Planning Commission Correction 7/6/2022**
Also, present Stephen Barnard, Sheriff Bean, Sgt. Gank and David Martin.

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

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

AGENDA:

Moved by Sheneman and seconded by Dewey, that the commission approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair requested Public comment. There was no public comment. Public comment closed at 7:04 p.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE: Steve Barnard

Dewitt Marine Special Land Use to create a parking lot for Dewitt Marine boat dock – Mark McCool

- Rural Residential property contiguous to Marine boat slips.
- Article 3, Section 316, Unclassified Uses.

Discussion followed.

1. How many current parking spots?
2. Are the parking spots for boat slip customers?
3. How many boat slips does the Marina have at this site?

Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau – STAND ALONE Ordinance:

FHT Board to act on standalone ordinance, the Boards position is that there will be minimal issues that will affect the proposed ordinance and that the Zoning Administrator will handle.
Legal Counsel – Barry Cole provided a sample draft resolution and Ordinance for the FHT Board to review and consider.

Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems: Handout

A guide for Michigan Local Governments – MSU Extension

Request for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Antrim County Re: Telecommunication Towers

Letter dated May 9, 2022 from the Antrim County Administrator, Peter Garwood and copied to both Terry Smith, FHT Supervisor and Terry VanAlstine, Antrim County Board Chairman.

Request: **In red.**

Per the Forest Home Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 2301, Application Procedures: An amendment to the text of the Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration by the Planning Commission and Township Board in accordance with the Zoning Enabling Act. A description of the request, reference to the text proposed for amendment, proposed new text, as well as justification for the request shall be included in the petition.

Section 318 – Essential Service Facilities. Essential service facilities as defined herein shall be exempt from the application of this ordinance. Telecommunication towers, alternative tower structures and antennae shall not be considered essential service facilities for the purposes of this Ordinance **except for Telecommunication Towers owned, operated, and used for supporting E911 and 800 MHz service by local government. Such Towers shall be considered an essential service.**

Section 1654.A – Purpose and intent. The Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended on February 6, 1996 sets forth provisions concerning placement, location and construction of towers and related facilities for communication. The Purpose of this section is to establish general guidelines for the siting of Telecommunication Towers and Facilities, which include antenna structures. In order that such towers not cause visual pollution or create a safety hazard on adjacent properties, reasonable regulations for the location, use of existing structures, (e.g., water towers, school and church steeples, tall buildings), design of structures and towers, is appropriate. Telecommunication Towers are specifically to NOT be essential services as defined in this Ordinance **except for Telecommunication Towers owned, operated, and used for supporting E911 and 800 MHz service by local government. Such Towers shall be considered an essential service.**

Sheriff Bean and Sgt. Gank addressed the commission on a meeting recently held to address FHT Ordinance and the County proposal for a Telecommunication Tower for use to support E911 and 800 MHz service used by local government. An Engineered Study will be required with new map identifying the exact location of the proposed Tower and Request for Proposals (RFP). Proposals will be available for all to review.
Discussion followed.

MINUTES:

Moved by Dewey, and seconded by Trumble, that the meeting minutes of May 4, 2022 be approved as written. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trumble reported that Hollis Property – 9178 Clam Lake Road continues to have issues with the two sons living in garage.

Sheneman reported on the meeting with William and Works for the Meadows property and another meeting proposed via Zoom for June 23, 2022.

Complaints – Noise Short Term Rentals (call Sheriff the township has no control).

Sheneman – Draper woodpile moved back from road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheneman reported that Cyman Gardens had sold in the spring and asked if the new owners have been in to update business information. Such as name changes for owners and business "Cayer Gardens".

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested public comment at 7:49 p.m.
There was none. Public comment closed at 7:49 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chair, Paul Trumble

Secretary, Linda Cran