

**PLANNING COMMISSION
FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Doug Dewey, Tom Sheneman, Linda Cran and Scott Steiner.
Absent none.
Also, present Stephen Barnard, Jacob Berends, Brad Hull, Janis Vriebe, Cheri Cheryl-Olds and Gordy Schafer.

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 Cran, 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.

The Chairman announced new commission member Scott Steiner who was recently appointed by the FHT Board to fill the vacant position previously held by Dan Steiner his brother. The commission members welcomed him aboard.

The Chair called for public hearing on the following at 7:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL LAND USE TO CREATE A PARKING LOT FOR DEWETT MARINE BOAT DOCK**

Applicant: Mark McCool/Dewitt Marine
Owners: Douglas & Pamela Douglas
Parcel: 05-07-004-004-00
9291 Clam Lake Road
Zoning District: WC – Water Commercial
Purpose: For the creation of a parking lot on a Rural Residential property contiguous to Dewitt Marine boat slips. In accordance with Article 3, Section 316, Unclassified Uses.

Jacob Berends appearing on the behalf of applicant and owners and Gordy Schafer attended in support of special land use application each spoke as follows:

- **52 Boat Slips across (North Side)**
- **25 Parking spaces 9 x 18**
- **Adequate property behind parking space for drain field**
- **Mr. Schafer stated that he and the owners of Dewitt Marine split property 150 feet into 75/75 several years back.**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Steve Barnard

Reported that he had properly noticed the surrounding property owners and had published public hearing of the Special Use Application in the Antrim Review according to regulations and guidelines.

- Rural Residential property contiguous to Marine boat slips.
- Article 3, Section 316, Unclassified Uses.
 1. How many parking spots? 25
 2. Are the parking spots for boat slip customers? Yes
 3. How many boat slips does the Marina have at this site? North side of Clam Lake =52

The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

The Chairman opened the regular meeting at 7:34 p.m.

The members began the process of Findings of Fact for Special Land Use Permit submitted by Dewitt Marine. Pursuant to Article 3, Action 216, Unclassified Uses of the Forest Home Township Zoning Ordinance.

1. Zoning Ordinance standard applicable to the application.
 - a. Standards followed and applicate compliant
2. Statement of Findings of fact.
 - a. Applicant filled out and submitted application on by Mark McCool on May 22, 2022.
 - b. Application was complete and correct.
3. Compliance with standards.
 - a. Met standards.
4. Conditions set forth if granted and basis for conditions.
 - a. Parking lot have lighting directed towards parking spaces.
 - b. Planting of trees on the east side of parking lot to serve as a buffer.
 - c. Signage “Dewitt Customers Only”
 - d. Surface gravel or Afton-stone.

Moved by Sheneman, and seconded by Steiner that the application for the Special Land Use to “Create” a parking lot for Dewitt Marine boat dock **be GRANTED** with special conditions as follows:

- a. Parking lot have lighting directed towards parking spaces.
- b. Planting of trees on the east side of parking lot to serve as a buffer.
- c. Signage “Dewitt Customers Only”
- d. Surface gravel or Afton-stone.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – Dewey, Sheneman, Cran, Steiner, Trumble; No – None; Absent – None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sheneman, and seconded by Dewey, that the commission approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2022 with correction. Motion carried - all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau – STAND ALONE Ordinance:

FHT Board to act on Ordinance at their meeting tomorrow.

EMS Antenna:

No update.

Discussion followed.

East Bay Township – Short-Term Rentals:

Moratorium set: Over 100 applications

Discussion followed.

Dale Snook Clam Lake Road:

Sheneman asked about possible over extending his use for parking.

- Barnard reported that he will plan make a site visit.

FHT Township Cottage Drive Park – Mileys: Polarmo Family:

- Planted Small pine trees and blocked off area
- The 2005 Court Case decision was in favor of Township and owner had to move fencing, etc.
- Township Attorney wrote a letter to owners giving them 7 - days to remove or the Township will remove per court order.

Hollis Property – 9178 Clam Lake Road:

The Hollis brothers continue to live in the garage and now a nephew has moved in. Issues continue.

Lake View Cemetery:

Cran reported that the trees had been removed but the stumps and up-lifted head stones remain.

Paul reported that the Township provides the Village of Bellaire an appropriation to assist with the cost of maintaining the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elvis Tribute Artist - Jake Slater Live Performance Concert: Event

Cran reported that a concert is being held tonight from 7pm -9pm at Cedar Meadows Park tonight and sponsored by Real Estate One - The Bailey Team and the Walt Man Team.

- Did Real Estate One – Bailey Team or Walt Mann Team get a special event permit? Bernard reported that no permit issued.

The Meadows Planning – Bellaire Highway Property Improvements Planning-Trumble:

Reported the recent Zoom meeting with Williams & Works.

Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman requested public comment at 8:15 p.m. Janis Vriebe addressed the commission. Public Comment closed at 8:16 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Chair, Paul Trumble

Secretary, Linda Cran