

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting minutes
Meeting date August 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Nelson
Present were: Mr. Ciminskie, Mr. Wellman, Mr. Lippens, Mr. Tryan.
Also in attendance: Six citizens and Supervisor Fontaine

Public Hearing – None

Public Comment on agenda items – None

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes for July 10, 2014 were approved on a motion by Mr. Tryan seconded by Mr. Lippens. Unanimous approval.

Permits –

Tom Buchholtz	4312 K. Road	009-059-012-20	60'x100' pole building
Rick Hosking	5448 Portage Point Lane	009-530-093-00	2 fence sections
Tanya Roberts	2708 I Lane	009-186-003-00	16'x20' playhouse with 6' deck
Rob McInerney	4425 M Road	009-060-002-20	Garage

Unfinished Business –

- Master Plan review – Census data was distributed. The Township lost about 9% of its population between the 2000 and 2010 census.
- Airstrips – We do not have a definition of “airstrips”
 - Options include making all airstrips Conditional uses and not allowing airstrips.
 - We need safety guidelines. Does this include helicopters and what about drones?
 - Check with MSU - get additional research.

New Business

- The question was raised about bees – are they covered as livestock or covered in agriculture? No – they are not classified as livestock (per MSU). Ford River has no ordinance restriction specifically on bees.
- A question was raised about duplexes – they are allowed only in R-2.
- A question was asked regarding the Ford River Storage business. They are currently in a Commercial zone and would like to expand. What is the zone of the adjacent property? The Commercial zone continues on the side opposite the lake all the way to Portage Point.

Communication – None

Public Comment –

- A comment was made about the Conservation District preparing to spray for Phragmites – a letter was sent to get permission to spray on private property.
- Information had been requested from MSU regarding private roads.
- A comment was made commending citizens for being concerned for their neighbors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tryan, Second by Mr. Lippens. Unanimous approval.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Parking Lot items

Monitor / review the Master Plan.

Review section 604 regarding the conditional use wording regarding group day care homes.

Consider the possible re-zoning of Jaeger road to RR from the R-2 due to typical use in the area

Re-word Commercial definitions.

Marihuana Ordinance - review as law is clarified.

Minimum fence height

Consider adding condominiums as allowable use.

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