

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting minutes
Meeting date January 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Nelson.
Present were: Mr. Wellman, Mr. Fettig. Absent, Mrs. Kolinsky, Mr. Lippens
Also in attendance: 4 citizens

Public Hearing - None

Public Comment on agenda items-

Mr. Shann advised those present on the status of his previous business. He stated that the sawmill and support posts were all removed, the sawdust is gone and that he will plant a hedge of evergreens or bushes in the spring. He stated that he is not doing any work related to his previous business and inquired about the time frame on amending the ordinance regarding his request. Chairman Nelson stated that discussion is taking place on several issues in the present ordinance. When the commission finalizes those changes, they will be sent to the attorney, a public hearing will take place, and then the changes will be sent to the Township Board for final approval.

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes of Dec. 1, 2016 were approved on a motion by Mr. Fettig, second by Mr. Wellman. Unanimous approval.

Permits - None

Unfinished Business - Preparation of zoning ordinance changes were deferred until next month, as more discussion is required. It was felt the zoning administrator and all commission members should be present. Mr. Nelson stated that he had talked with Mr. Joe Piron regarding access to a parcel of property which may have required a land division. Mr. Piron was advised by Mr. Nelson that he felt that a land division is not required because of the acreage. An easement would be involved. Further check with the zoning administrator is required.

New Business

-Election of Planning Commission officers.

Chairman - Mr. Nelson was nominated by a Motion by Mr. Fettig, second by Mr. Wellman. Unanimous approval vote.

Vice-Chairman - Mr. Fettig was nominated by a motion by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Wellman. Unanimous approval vote.

Secretary - Mrs. Kolinsky was nominated by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Fettig. Unanimous approval vote.

Vice - Secretary - Mr. Lippens was nominated by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Fettig. Unanimous approval vote.

Private Roads

Copies of the Escanaba Township Land Division Ordinance were received by each member. A general discussion on private roads took place. The general feeling of those present was that the 66ft. right of way for private roads is reasonable, and the ordinances should stay as written. Again further discussion should take place on this important issue when the Zoning Administrator and all members are present. Copies of the Township of Ford River Land Division Act were also handed out for review by the members of the commission as an aid in co-ordinating the private road permit requirements for the Zoning Ordinance and the Land Division Ordinance.

Communications -

Letter from Mrs. Shann

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Fettig. Unanimous approval 7:32p.m.

Parking Lot Items

Monitor/review the Master Plan. (Review in 2019)
Marihuana Ordinance - review as law is clarified.
Wind generators
Create a list of non-conforming private roads.

Ray Fettig