

Ford River Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Steve Nelson at 7:00 pm

Present were Ray Fettig, Delor Wellman, Bruce Lippens, Carol Kolinsky and Supervisor R.Fontaine.

Public hearing: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Minutes: Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2017 were approved on a motion by Mr. Fettig and seconded by Mr. Lippens.

Permits: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Definition of Ponds. Mr. Nelson had talked to Brad Newman from MSU and obtained several sample ordinances. He reviewed them and one he felt was a good fit for Ford River Twp. He also made it clear that we would have to have a qualified attorney to review our ordinance and state laws. One from Olive Twp. in Ottawa County was given for the committee to review and discuss at the next meeting. Right now, we have language to address a Quarry but not a Pond. Members of the Planning Commission is to review Public Act 110 paragraph 125.3205 before the next meeting.

2. Medical Marijuana. Supervisor Fontaine encouraged members to attend another special program at Bay College on May 11th at 6 pm and the Health Department at May 25th. The Township Board is also discussing this topic. This topic will be followed for now but everyone will keep up with the subject.

3. Fire Signs The Township Board is handling this for now. Supervisor Fontaine will bring it back when it is ready.

4. Conditional Use for Verizon cell phone tower on K Rd. Owner had until March to get Verizon to use it but the owner has not yet applied for another extension. Supervisor Fontaine will get in contact with the owners that they need to file and she will update us at the next meeting. It was noted that the special use provision states that if it is not used as a cell phone tower it will need to be removed.

5. Zoning ordinance changes: Supervisor Fontaine wanted to update us on the standing of the changes made. She has sent them on to Delta County which did not meet last month but will be meeting next month to review it. They will file the changes and the Township Board was comfortable with the changes made. Therefore, Supervisor Fontaine will like to schedule a

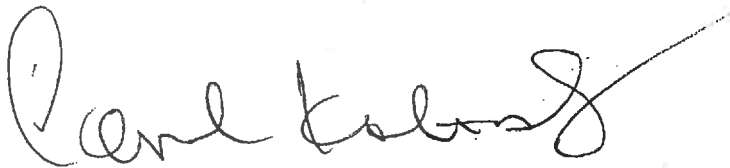
public hearing for next month unless the Delta County Board has problems with our changes which neither she nor the Township Board foresee. She will bring another fresh printout of the changes with her next month for us to review.

New Business

1. Review of zoning ordinances 601,602,603 and 605. All were reviewed by the committee and felt to be adequate for our township needs. It was noted that we do not have periodic special use reviews and as Supervisor Fontaine noted we have a part time zoning administrator and it would take a full-time administrator to be able to keep track of the special use permits and right now the rules work for our township.
2. Special use Request- Hyde Self Storage: Application for special use permit for 2 more building within the next 2 years. A formal application will follow and the applicant will be here for the next meeting which will also be a public hearing for this permit. Question of whether we could give a special use permit approval for 2 years. No rules exist to prohibit a 2 year special use permit.

Communications: none.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lippens and seconded by Mr. Fettig at 7:53pm. Meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Kolinsky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carol Kolinsky, M.D.