

**Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021**

Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm by R. Livingston and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: P. Dagenais, K. Jaeger, R. Livingston, J. Church, K. Mineau.

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Conflict of Interest Declaration - None

Public Hearing

- Cobb Special Use Permit

K. Jaeger made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by P. Dagenais.

Supervisor Nelson explained the permit to the commission, and stated there was no response from the Township either in support of, or against.

The commission discussed the permit, and that he would have to follow all of the DNR rules, and the ATF so they did not feel any additional conditions were needed.

Voting on Section 604 General Standards Commenced.

A. Will be harmonious with and in accordance with the general objectives or with any specific objectives of the Comprehensive Development Plan;

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

B. Will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so as to be harmonious and appropriate in appearance with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and that such a use will not change the essential character of the same area;

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

C. Will not be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future neighboring uses;

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

D. Will not diminish the value of land, buildings, or structures in the District and shall represent an improvement to the property under consideration and to the community as a whole;

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

E. Will be served adequately by essential public facilities and services, such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal, or schools, and that the persons or agencies responsible for the establishment of the proposed use shall be able to provide adequately any such service;

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

F. Will not create excessive additional requirements at public cost for public facilities and services and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community;

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

G. Will not involve uses, activities, processes, materials and equipment and conditions of operation that will be detrimental to any person, property, or the general welfare by reason of excessive production of noise, traffic, smoke, fumes, glare, or odors;

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

H. Will the location, nature and height of the proposed use be appropriate to the size, type and kind of buildings, uses and structures in the vicinity and adjacent properties, including the safety and convenience of people there from.

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

I. Will be consistent with the intent and purpose of this Ordinance and shall be compatible with the natural environment, and shall protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

Motion Made to accept by R. Livingston, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

Motion was made by R. Livingston to approve the permit as written, seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval

Motion was made by R. Livingston to Close the public hearing, seconded by K. Jaeger. Unanimous Approval.

Minutes

- Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 2021 were approved with a motion by R. Livingston, seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous approval.

Reports

- Supervisor Nelson provided the commission with a copy of his February 2021 Zoning Administrators Report.

Permits - None

Unfinished Business

- Short Term Rentals - Supervisor Nelson has compiled a list of all of the addresses in R1, about 170. Letters will go out this month.
- RV Parking - Supervisor Nelson is still awaiting word from the MTA and the township lawyer on the best way to handle this situation.
- Outdoor Storage - Information has been sent to the lawyer, we are waiting on a response.
- 5 year recreation plan - The contract is signed with CUPPAD to begin this process, the township is looking for feedback on what the people would like to see in the township.
- Master Plan Review - Supervisor Nelson provided the commission copies of the counties plan to look at prior to the next meeting.

New Business

- Wichert Zoning Change Request - Supervisor Nelson received a request in regards to changing the zoning of an R1 residence to become a bed and breakfast. The commission discussed and did not feel that changing the zoning of the area was an appropriate action.

Communications - R. Fettig asked about people taking the axels off of semi trailers and parking them on their property making it into a storage building. Supervisor Nelson said in order to do so legally they would have to apply for a permit making it a structure on the property.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Jaeger, seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

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