

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 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 - None

Minutes

- Planning Commission meeting minutes from January 2021 were approved with a motion by P. Dagenais, seconded by J. Church. Unanimous approval.

Reports

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

Permits

- Z1129 - Jim Galbreith, R2, 270 M35, 1/5/21
009-134-015-00, Addition to existing Fence
- Z1130 - Robert About, RR, 3744 9th Lane, 1/13/21
009-070-013-00, Addition to Existing Home

Unfinished Business

- Short Term Rentals - Supervisor Nelson has had some issues determining which addresses are currently listed on the VRBO sites. He has decided to send a letter out to all R1 residents.
- RV Parking - Supervisor Nelson is awaiting word from MTU Extension on the best way to handle this situation.
- Outdoor Storage - The commission has to decided to proceed with the information they have put together, Supervisor Nelson will present it to the lawyer and see if we can proceed to adding it to the ordinance.
- 5 year recreation plan - Dottie LaJoie from CUPPAD was in attendance for the meeting. She explained the procedure for the Township to create a 5 year plan. She explained there would need to be a survey as well as a public hearing to get the people of the township involved. Although there was a lot of discussion about a bike path through the township, the 5 year plan would help the township with a lot of other things, including playgrounds, fishing piers, etc. Supervisor Nelson did mention that MDOT was in support of the thoughts to create a bike path, however, they would not provide any funding.

- Master Plan Review
 - The commission discussed the Master Plan and options for the review/update of the plan. Theresa Nelson informed the commission that the county just finished their update on their Master Plan. She will provide copies to the commission for the next meeting. The commission will look at it to determine their approach to update.

- Election of Planning Commission Officers
 - Chairman - Motion was made by K. Jaeger to nominate R. Livingston, seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

 - Vice-Chairman - Motion was made K. Jaeger to nominate K. Mineau, seconded by R. Livingston. Unanimous Approval.

 - Secretary - Motion was made by R. Livingston to nominate K. Jaeger, seconded by K. Mineau. Unanimous Approval.

 - Vice-Secretary - Motion was made by K. Jaeger to nominate P. Dagenais, seconded by R. Livingston. Unanimous Approval.

New Business - None

Communications - Supervisor Nelson just wanted to make the commission aware that the township is working on 911 signs. We may need to add something to the ordinance for consistency, we will wait and see what the county does.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

A motion to adjourn was made by P. Dagenais, seconded by K. Jaeger. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

K. Jaeger 3-3-21