

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022

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

Present: P. Dagenais, K. Jaeger, S. Csazak, J. Church, K. Mineau.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

- Zoning Administrator Detiege would like the commission to look at a couple old special use permits under item #10.

Conflict of Interest Declaration - None

Public Hearing - None

Minutes

- Planning Commission meeting minutes from March 2, 2022 were approved with a motion by J. Church, seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous approval.

Reports

- Zoning Administrator C. Detiege provided the commission with the March Zoning Administrators Report.

Permits

- Ford River Township, Com, 3845 K Rd, 3/2/22
009-066-024-00, New Fence
- Robert & Darci Stenfors, RR, 4356 L.25 Ln, 3/2/22
009-067-003-00, Hunting Camp/Shed
- John Valiquette, RR, 2858 14th Rd, 3/25/22
009-226-009-00, Residential
- Jeff Schertz, R2, E8698 Silver Creek Rd, 3/26/22
009-071-031-00, New House & Garage

Special Use Permit Applications / ZBA Applications

- Randy Scott - Motion to set the public hearing for the special use permit on May 4th by K. Jaeger, seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.
- Special Use from 2006 - Theodore Oswald - Cedar Hill Medical. That area is now all commercial. Permit is no longer needed and will be voided.
- Special use from 2004 - Paul Levesque - 009-065-102-00, for pole building over 1500 sq ft, it is for personal use and will be filed.
- Special use from 1990 - Poppy's Pub - permit for a mobile home on property. Mobile home no longer on property, permit is no longer needed and will be voided.

Unfinished Business

- Ordinance Change - Outdoor Storage - The Township board sent this back to the planning commission as they felt it should also be added in Commercial. K. Jaeger made a motion to add Commercial storage buildings as a permitted use in Commercial and as a Conditional use in commercial to the potential ordinance change. Seconded by K. Mineau. Unanimous Approval. J. Church made a motion to hold the public hearing on this at the May 4th meeting, seconded by K. Mineau. Unanimous Approval.
- Marijuana -The commission discussed options for allowing it in the Township, and would like to get the boards approval. K. Jaeger made a motion that we look at allowing retail sales in

Commercial, as well as microbusiness being allowed in Commercial, RR, Agriculture.
Seconded by J. Church. Unanimous Approval.

As for allowing commercial growing, K. Jaeger made a motion we look at allowing indoor growing with proper filtration in RR, and Agriculture with an average minimum acreage.
Seconded by J. Church. Unanimous Approval.

- Short Term Rentals - The township lawyer has determined that it can be enforced. Zoning Administrator Detiege is working with the lawyer with any violations. In order for the planning commission to make any changes, the Master Plan needs to be updated. K. Jaeger made a motion to table this issue until the Master Plan is updated, seconded by K. Mineau. Opposed by J. Church, Motion Carried.
- Master Plan / Ordinance - The Master plan will be addressed first, waiting on a firm quote from CUPPAD, it will be put out for bid. Supervisor Nelson will move forward with putting this out for bid.
- Potential Zoning Changes - Zoning Administrator Detiege thinks this is something that can possibly be addressed with the new Master Plan. Motion to dismiss by K. Jaeger, Seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous Approval.

New Business

- Playground improvement / CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) - This is something Supervisor Nelson would like to look into, it would require some joint meetings with the Township Board. He has sent an email out to the commission members to review.

Communications

- Emails regarding Short Term Rentals

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- D. Jahnke - Likes the new Zoom/TV set up. Likes the commission tabled the short term rentals, with the bills currently in the house, the state may resolve some of this.
- R. Fettig - In regards to the CIP, the Planning Commission has to be involved because of the public utilities.
- S. McAdams - Had some questions regarding outdoor lighting on M35, is there something in the ordinance limiting what people can have. R. Fettig suggested putting something in a tax bill reminding people that we do have an ordinance. S. McAdams mentioned that not everyone sees their tax bills if they have a mortgage.
- S. Csazak - Announced his resignation from the Planning Commission, he has accepted a position downstate, and will be starting May 2.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Jaeger seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous approval.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



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