

Ford River Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2023

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

Present: J. Church, K. Jaeger, K. Mineau, R. Ness, S. Ribble

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** - None

**Conflict of Interest Declaration** - None

**Public Hearing** - None

**Minutes**

- Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 2023 were approved with a motion by J. Church, seconded by R. Ness. Unanimous approval.

**Reports**

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

**Permits**

- Jim Kirby, R2, 2121 19th St. Escanaba, 2/7/23  
009-112-020-20, New House & Garage
- Gary Brayak, RR, 3282 Deerhaven 12.3 Ln, 2/8/23  
009-131-003-00 & 009-380-006-00, New House & Garage

**Unfinished Business**

- Marijuana - The commission decided to hold a workshop to discuss the marijuana ordinance provided by the township lawyer. J. Church made a motion to hold workshop March 8th at 6 pm, seconded by R. Ness. Unanimous Approval.
- CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) - Zoning Administrator Detiege provided the commission with an equipment list from the fire department. He is working on next steps.
- Master Plan - The survey is live, but has not had a lot of response. The planning commission discussed keeping the survey open for at least a month, but giving Graef time to compile responses prior to the next meeting. K. Jaeger made a motion to keep the survey open to a preferred date of March 29th, but it would be ok to close anytime after the 20th, if Graef needed more time, seconded by R. Ness. Unanimous Approval.
- Short Term Rental Renewals - This will be added in as a line item on future agendas to deal with any short term rental special use permit renewals.

**New Business** - None

**Special Use Permit Applications / ZBA Applications**

- Berube - Special Use Permit, set for April 5, at 7 pm.

**Communications**

- MTU Extension Training
- MTA Training

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** - None

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Jaeger, seconded by J. Church. Unanimous approval.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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