

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 7, 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. Absent: R. Ness, S. Ribble

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Conflict of Interest Declaration - None

Public Hearing - None

Minutes

- Planning Commission meeting minutes from May 2023 were approved with a motion by J. Church, seconded by K. Jaeger. Unanimous approval.

Reports

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

Permits

- Joseph Brow, RR, 1032 S 19th St, Escanaba, 5/6/23
009-070-022-10, New Addition
- Monica Hightower, R2, 1218 M35, Bark River, 5/6/23
009-123-012-00, New Fence
- Luke Gilner, RR, 4071 L.15 Ln, Escanaba, 5/6/23
009-065-034-00, New Fence
- James Gloss, RR, 4026 10th Rd, Bark River, 5/6/23
009-067-027-10, New Lean Too
- Amy Chown, R1, E4673 M35, Escanaba, 5/8/23
009-302-040-00, New Fence
- Ryan Wender, RR, 3782 J.5 Rd, Bark River, 5/8/23
009-067-024-00, New Fence
- Jonathan Pepin, RR, 3211 Dear Haven 12.3 Ln, 5/10/23
009-380-012-00, New Home
- Jill Bernard, R2, E5180 M35, Escanaba, 5/16/23
009-064-035-00, New Deck
- J. Stone Building Company, E4850 M35, Escanaba, 5/18/23
009-370-026-00, Addition - New Kitchen

Unfinished Business

- Marijuana - Zoning Administrator Detiege had an updated ordinance from the lawyer, with two members missing, the planning commission decided to table until next meeting.
- CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) - Inventories are nearly complete.
- Master Plan - Graef provided the township with survey results, they should be at the July 5th meeting.

- Zoning Permit Form - Zoning Administrator Detiege will put together an updated form for review at the next meeting.

New Business - None

Short Term Rental Renewals

- The commission looked at the sample forms and shared their ideas. Zoning Administrator Detiege will put together a form for the next meeting.

Special Use Permit Applications / ZBA Applications - None

Communications - None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- D. Kleikamp asked if it was a conflict for S. Ribble to vote on the marijuana as she was looking to grow marijuana. K. Jaeger reminded the public that the commission does not need to answer public comment, and that the planning commission was only looking at the wording of the ordinance, the ordinance would not be voted on by the planning commission. It would be sent to the Township Board for final vote.
- R. Fettig stated that there was a new legislation in the works for septic systems. He also asked if the township should be questioning water wells in the permit.
- D. Brown thanked the planning commission for their hard work on the short term rentals.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Jaeger, seconded by J. Church. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.



7-5-23