

Ford River Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2019

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

Present: K. Jaeger, R. Livingston, D. Wellman, K. Mineau.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** - None

**Conflict of Interest Declaration** - None

**Public Hearing** - None

**Minutes**

- Planning Commission meeting minutes from July 2019 were approved with a motion by D. Wellman, seconded by K. Mineau. Unanimous approval.

**Permits**

- Z1059 - Tim Rathbun, 6/14/19 Permit added 20' x 12' shed
  
- Z1061 - William Weissert, RR, 4318 10.75 Lane, 7/3/19  
009-099-004-00, 26'x48' Attached Garage  
Permit is on hold while a land dispute is being resolved.
  
- Z1062 - Neil Aaberg, RR, 5816 G.5 Road, 7/19/19  
009-223-023-50, 5' tall fence, 144' in length; fence is chain link
  
- Z1063 - Andrew Wilson/Korinne Lamoreaux, RR, 4474 M Road, 7/21/19  
009-061-014-00, Land Division, Dividing 5 acres off the main parcel, resulting in main parcel being 20.93 acres

**Unfinished Business**

- Ordinance Review - The board looked at the concerns from the attorney. Supervisor Fountaine brought in a master list of all of the changes, which the board reviewed and ok'd. A Motion was made by K. Jaeger, seconded by K. Mineau to send the ordinance to a public hearing. Unanimous Approval.
  
- Wind Turbines - Tabled until next month
  
- Marijuana Training - Session 3 was held on July 25, we are still waiting on the recording, as well as the powerpoint from this session.
  
- Marijuana Training - Session 4 will be on August 22
  
- Open PC Seat - The PC is still looking for a new member, preferably in the R1 district.
  
- Junk Ordinance - The board like the ordinance that Supervisor Fountaine brought for

review.

### **New Business**

- Storage Units in Commercial District - Thomas Bell, Jr was in attendance and is looking to purchase land in the commercial district that used to be storage units. The board did not feel a special use permit would be needed as the property is already commercial.

### **Communications** - None

### **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- Randy Scott, a resident of Ford River and member of the Delta County Planning Commission, is concerned about Solar Panels. There are many of them going in Escanaba Township. The Delta County is working on their master plan, and all of these things are being discussed. He wanted to make Ford River Township aware. Supervisor Fontaine brought up an email she had received yesterday about commercial solar developments may now use Public Act 116 Farmland. Mr. Scott recommends the board get a copy of Escanaba Townships ordinance and start looking at it.
- D. Wellman brought up weight restrictions on county roads, however, this does not pertain to the Planning Commission.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Jaeger, seconded by K. Mineau. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.



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