

FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Nelson. Present were: Mr. Wellman, Mr. Lippens, Mr. Fettig, absent, Mrs. Kolinsky. Also in attendance: Supervisor Fountaine and 6 citizens.

Public Hearing - None

Public comment on agenda items - None

Minutes

Planning commission meeting minutes of January 5, 2017 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lippens, second by Mr. Wellman. Unanimous approval.

Permits - None

Unfinished Business

A discussion on the election of officers will take place at the next monthly meeting when all members are present. The Ordinance changes were again discussed and it was decided that Home Occupation One will be a permitted use in all residential districts, with a site plan required. Quarries will be deferred and added to the "parking lot" section for further discussion and clarification. Supervisor Fountaine stated that she will take the Ordinance changes suggested by the Commission to the Township Attorney for his review and comments. She will also have him review Section 607 regarding private roads and how this affects the Township Land Division Ordinance. Upon his return with his comments, the member will review, comment and schedule a public hearing so a final draft can be forwarded to the Township Board for their approval.

New Business

Supervisor Fountaine received a request for a possible variance from a Mr. John Meehan regarding the installation of steps in the side setback area of a non conforming lot for a new home. After some discussion it was determined that Mr. Meehan should reconfigure the new home on the lot, if possible, to meet all the required setbacks. If Mr. Meehan still requests a variance, he should be advised that the Township Board of Appeals can take this issue up, but the general feeling of this commission is that a variance would not be approved.

Communications

Supervisor Fountaine distributed copies of the Ford River Township Planning Commission Ordinance and the Ford River Township Planning Commission Bylaws to the members for review and referencing.

Public Comment

Theresa Nelson introduced herself and stated that she is the new County Commissioner, and represents the Township in County Government. She asked how township planning ties into the County planning. Chairman Nelson gave an explanation.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Lippens, second by Mr. Fettig. Unanimous approval at 8:10 p.m.

Parking Lot Items

Monitor/review the Master Plan. (Review in 2019)
Marihuana Ordinance - review as law is clarified.
wind generators
Create a list on non-conforming private roads.
Quarries and Ponds (2-2-2017)

Ray Helberg