

Ford River Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting minutes  
Meeting date November 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Nelson.  
Present were: Mr. Ciminski, Mr. Wellman, Mr. Tryan. Absent: Mr. Lippens  
Also in attendance: Four citizens and Supervisor Fountaine

**Public Hearing** – None

**Public Comment on agenda items** - none

**Minutes**

Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 1, 2015 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lippens, seconded by Mr. Tryan. Unanimous.

**Permits**

1. Zigmund Wagrowski R-2 3875 L.15 Lane 009-065-017-00 26'x46' Home
2. Ray & Michelle O'Conner RR 5015 I Road 009-236-030-00 40'x26' Addition to home

**Unfinished Business** –

The items being looked at that would require an ordinance change were discussed  
A Public Hearing will be need to be scheduled to consider the following items:

1. Definition of a Private Landing strip and ordinance requirements (similar to Humbolt Twp.)
2. Move Group Day Care Homes from 604 to 4XX (new 421) to be in a section separate from the General Standards for Special Uses.
3. Change the language in 606 from “appeal to the Township Board” to “appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
4. Re-word the Commercial definition and intent. 313 Add definition of “Commercial Activity.”
5. Changes to 412 “lot of record.” Change to “any new lot.”
6. Review definitions for any that should be added or changed. (Attached garage, base site area #58 & #97)
7. Solar power collectors, (nuisance items-light flicker, Open Space Ratio) Special use permits required – Free standing solar collectors require permit. Need a definition of “free standing solar collectors.”
8. Change 305 to remove Zoning Board of Appeals – change to Planning Commission
9. Remove from the Parking Lot: Commercial definitions, Condos, Private airstrips

-Wayne Caron has not responded to the registered letter sent concerning his violation of the issued zoning permit. The issue will be sent to the Township attorney.

**New Business** –

- It was announced that Ray Fettig will be replacing Dennis Tryan who will be leaving the Planning commission as of the end of the year.
- The question about quarries needs to wait until Rory Mattson can come in and talk to us about quarries.
- A question was raised related to a noise complaint. Is a portable band saw allowed outdoors? This is still a noise complaint that will be followed up.

**Communications** – None

**Public Comment** – Could a notice be included with the tax bills reminding people to get permits?

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Tryan, second by Mr. Lippens Unanimous.  
Adjourn 8:32.

**Parking Lot items**

- Monitor / review the Master Plan. (Review in 2019)
- Marihuana Ordinance - review as law is clarified.
- Wind generators
- Create a list of non-conforming private roads.

