

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting minutes
Meeting date May 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Tryan. Absent Mr. Nelson
Present were: Mr. Ciminskie, Mr. Wellman, Mr. Lippens.
Also in attendance: Seven citizens, and Supervisor Fontaine

Public Hearing – None

Public Comment on agenda items –None

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes of April 2, 2015 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lippens, seconded by Mr. Ciminskie. Unanimous approval.

Permits

1. John Klapko (Fishery Point) R1 E5043 Hwy M-35 009-064-058-20 20 x 25 garage 1 story.
2. Kim Cossette 4479 12th Road 009-059-002-40 new home.
3. Dave Johnson 3072 13th Lane 009-236-029-00 Kennel.
4. Robert Willis 4880 11.5 Road 009-060-011-00 Pole Building.

Unfinished Business –

CUPPAD is still working on changes to resolve zoning map concerns.

-Zoning map questions. It is impossible to determine exact zoning boundaries with our current maps.

Some sections of the map where there are zone changes can be blown up to much larger scale.

Add dimensions and/or standard statement on dimensions.

Some information was handed out. CUPPAD plans on being at the June meeting.

New Business –

-A permit is being requested by Matt & Julie Hoffmeyer to move a house currently owned by Wayne Caron (on M-35) to their property at 4478 10.75 Lane 009-066-001-00. There is currently a residence on the property. A discussion was held regarding the ordinance limit of one residential structure on any one lot. Julie Hoffmeyer assured the Planning Commission that the structure was to be used for storage only as an accessory structure. The Board stressed that any use of the structure for residential purposes would be a violation of the Ordinance and could result in a requirement that the structure be removed or that the property be split. The Board did not require that the kitchen and bathrooms be dismantled based on the assurances of Julie Hoffmeyer that the structure would not be connected to water or septic systems.

-Some of the training classes mentioned last week do have charges. The Place Making class does not have any cost. If any Board members are planning to attend they should notify Supervisor Fontaine.

Communications – None

Public Comment –

-A question was asked about the Townships involvement with the new Strategic Planning Alliance being formed with Marquette. We are part of the group. Supervisor Fountain will have information as it comes out.

-Comments were made about recent discussion about improvement to the area such as a ship viewing dock in Escanaba. One response was that it would be better to fix the roads first.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lippens, Second by Mr. Ciminskie. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Parking Lot items

Monitor / review the Master Plan. (Review in 2019)

Consider the possible re-zoning of Jaeger road to RR from the R-2 due to typical use in the area

Re-word Commercial definitions.

Marihuana Ordinance - review as law is clarified.

Consider adding condominiums as allowable use.

Wind generators

Review private airstrip regulation

Create a list of non-conforming private roads.

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