

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting minutes
Meeting date October 2, 2014

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

Public Hearing – None

Public Comment on agenda items – None

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes September, 2014 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lippens seconded by Mr. Tryan. Unanimous approval.

Permits –

1. Cory Hansen	vacant no address next to 4161 M. Road	009-060-075-10	40'x48' Pole Building
2. Paul Hosking	3580 K. Road	009-071-018-00	17'x16' Wood Shed
3. Martin Labumbard	2968 14th Road	009-225-013-00	10'x10' Mud Room

Unfinished Business –

-Airstrips – The ordinance from Humbolt Township was discussed. It was decided to move this item to the Parking Lot and review again later.

-A permit was issued for changes to a home located in a Commercial zone. MSU tells us that if the home was constructed before the ordinance it is a non-conforming use. If it was built under a Special Use permit then a general zoning permit is all that is required for changes. If the footprint of the home is being changed, then a new special use permit is required. Additionally, appeals of Special Use permits must go to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Our Ordinance section 606 states that appeals go to the Township Board.

-Wording of changes to the Planning Commission Ordinance were distributed. The new language clarifies the dates of nomination and appointment to the Planning Commission.

New Business

A new cell tower permit is being prepared. Questions were raised regarding the proposed location of the tower. In reviewing the proposed construction it was noted that the tower would need to be moved 50 feet to meet all setback requirements. The construction company will be advised.

-It was discovered that the Ordinance section 406-B is in conflict with section 1005 regarding front setbacks.

Communication – Additional information about bee keeping was distributed.

Public Comment –

- A citizens commented that they were happy the Planning Commission was doing a lot of research on issues.
- A question was asked if it were time to make Ordinance changes. It was felt that more information still needed to be gathered.
- It was noted that a possible contradiction also exists in the Ordinance between 412 and 413.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lipens, Second by Mr. Tryan. Unanimous approval.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Parking Lot items

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

Review section 604 regarding the conditional use wording regarding group day care homes.

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.

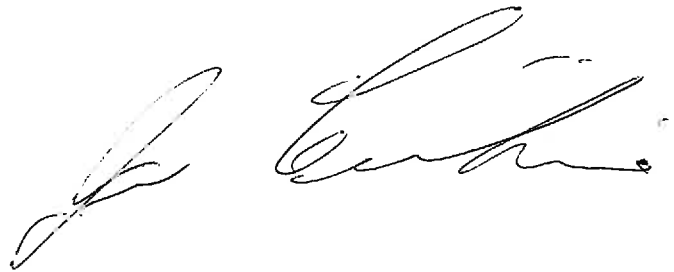
Minimum fence height

Consider adding condominiums as allowable use.

Review the keeping of bees.

Wind generators

Review private airstrip regulation

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