

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting minutes
Meeting date January 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: Five citizens and Supervisor Fountaine

Public Hearing – None

Public Comment on agenda items – Add private airports to new business

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes for December 5, 2013 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lippens seconded by Mr. Tryan. Unanimous approval.

Permits – None

Unfinished Business – Supervisor Fountain will coordinate with the Township board to align Planning Commission appointment dates with Commission officer elections and start dated. Bylaws may need to be changed.

New Business

Election of Planning Commission officers:

Nomination of Mr. Nelson as Chair by Mr. Lippens, second by Mr. Ciminskie
Nomination of Mr. Tryan as Vice Chair by Mr. Lippens, second by Mr. Ciminskie
Nomination of Mr. Ciminskie as Secretary by Mr. Tryan, second by Mr. Lippens
Nomination of Mr. Tryan as Vice Secretary by Mr. Ciminskie, second by Mr. Lippens
With no other nominations a vote was called – unanimous approval.

Dates for the 2014 meetings were established: January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3,
May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4.
The meeting in January 2015 is on January 8 since the first Thursday in New Years day.

It was determined that when reviewing ordinance section 604 for Special Use permits a separate motion and vote on each of the standards is required.

The standard form used for Special Use Requests was reviewed.

A question was raised about the possibility that a person could put in a private airstrip on their property. A review of the Ordinance shows that it is possible in zones RR, RP, and AP. It would require a Special Use Permit.

Communication – None

Public Comment – None

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tryan, Second by Mr. Lippens. Unanimous approval.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Parking Lot items

Monitor / review the Master Plan.

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Lippens".