

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting minutes
Meeting date May 1, 2014

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

Public Hearing – John Adrihan – gusmithing

Public hearing opened at 7:03.

Public comment about concern about grandkids

Comment about extra activity in the area.

Reply by Mr. Adrihan – he has a six year old and is very safety conscious.

-The business is not a retail operation and has few customers.

-The business is primarily mail order. He does not sell guns.

-He needs to test fire the guns when they are fixed - generally two to six shots. The guns are loaded with a wax bullet, not a regular cartridge.

Could the test firing be done at a range? – no there may be a need to make adjustments after firing.

A question was raised concerning granting of a special use permit violating state law. The Planning Commission is required to follow the our own Township ordinance. A latter was presented with this concern.

CUPPAD was contacted and stated that gunsmithing does fall under Home Occupation. The specific activity could be added to the ordinance, but it is impossible to list everything. Home Occupation is different than starting and industrial business.

Mr. Adrihan was asked if there would be a problem maintaining a 7:00am. To noon quiet time (no shooting.) He said that would be no problem.

The Planning Commission went through the requirements of 604 – General requirements – see attached vote sheet.

A citizen commented that there should be a discussion – if desired – of each 604 item before it was voted on. A discussion was called for each item.

A motion was made to approve the Special Use Permit with the 7:00am. to Noon noise restriction

Motion by Mt. Tryan, second by Mr. Lippens. Unanimous approval.

Public Hearing closed 7:35pm.

Public Comment on agenda items – none

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes for April 3, 2014 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lippens seconded by Mr. Wellman. Unanimous approval.

Permits –

1. Wendy and Tony Beauchamp 5409 G.5 Rd. 30'x 32' Pole building 009-226-015-00

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Private Airports (Airstrips) – Mr. Nelson suggested that language be considered similar to that used by Humbolt township and that airstrips be removed from zone R-2.

- A question was raised questioning if there was an airstrip being proposed? Not officially.
- A question was raised concerning changing the ordinance in response to a rumor? Not necessarily in response to a rumor, but changing the ordinance as characteristics of the Township change.

Communication –None

Public Comment – None

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lippens, Second by Mr. Tryan. Unanimous approval.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 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.

