

Ford River Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting minutes  
Meeting date September 5, 2013

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: Nine citizens and Supervisor Fountaine

**Public Hearing** – None.

**Public Comment on agenda items** - None

**Minutes**

Planning Commission meeting minutes for August 1, 2013 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lippens seconded by Mr. Wellman. Unanimous approval.

**Permits** –

1. Jeff & Heather Grimes	4604 K Rd.	009-056-012-00	Amended permit –add 2' to Garage
2. Don Alimenti	5695 Portage Point	009-530-056-00	Home and Garage
3. Dan Weber	E5054 M-35	009-064-0565-00	Fence
4. Jack Lehman	31907 I Rd.	009-163-001-10	36x72 pole building
5. Jerine Lebelle	2640 M-35	009-301-030-00	Deck
6. Dale Nyberg	4392 10 <sup>th</sup> Road	009-066-018-00	Deck and Porch
7. Curtis Servant	6168 G.5 Rd.	009-223-004-20	30x50 Addition
8. Terry Mercier	4474 I Rd.	009-057-007-00	32x90 Sawmill/storage
9. Roger Franklin	4011 J.5 Rd.	009-067-006-00	24x36 pole building

**Unfinished Business** –

Private road language. No response from the Township Attorney yet.

**New Business** –

-Irene Fisher questioned if a Commercial property is required to have a dedicated driveway. No.

-Jackie Vaneckenfort desires to operate a Home Occupation (Antique Shop) from her home. This would require a special use hearing. Her property has limited area for parking – she is planning on using the State Right of way. She should get something from the State approving this use. A public hearing will be set after she checks with the State.

-A question was raised as to the need for a permit for a deck. Yes. The ordinance states any structure.

**Communication** – None

**Public Comment** –

A question was asked about the minimum size structure that requires a zoning permit. The Township Ordinance does not mention a minimum size so any size structure needs a Zoning Permit. The County Building inspector only requires County Building Permit if the structure is over 200 sq. ft.

Comments were made about the proposed ATC power line project. Some residences are near the proposed lines and the owners have concerns. The Township Board is talking to ATC about this issue. There is no zoning question involved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tryan. Second by Mr. Lippens. Unanimous approval.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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

Wind generators and solar panels

Re-word Commercial definitions.

Marihuana Ordinance - review as law is clarified.

Minimum fence height

Consider adding condominiums as allowable use.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Lippens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".