

Ford River Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Detiege (Township Supervisor) at 7:00 p.m.

Present: K. Mineau, R. Ness, S. Ribble, R. Fettig, J. Church

Election of Planning Commission Officials

- **Chairman** – Motion was made by R. Ness to nominate K. Mineau, seconded by R. Fettig.
Unanimous Approval.
- **Vice - Chairman** – Motion was made by R. Fettig to nominate R. Ness, seconded by S. Ribble.
Unanimous Approval.
- **Secretary** – Motion was made by R. Fettig to nominate J. Church, seconded by R. Ness.
Unanimous Approval.
- **Vice Secretary** – Motion was made by R. Fettig to nominate S. Ribble, seconded by J. Church.
Unanimous Approval.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

- None

Conflict of Interest Declaration

- None

Public Hearing

- None

Closing Public Comment on January 17, 2024 Special Planning Commission Meeting

- R. Ness made a motion “During the meeting voting to approve special use permit for STR took place while public comment was still open. The planning commission needs to acknowledge that occurred and reaffirm the vote to approve the decision made during the open public hearing.” J. Church seconded. Unanimous Approval.

Minutes

- A motion was made by R. Ness to accept the minutes from the January 17, 2024, meeting. J. Church seconded.

Vote: 4 in Favor/ 1 Present. Approved

- S. Ribble made a motion reaffirming that all STR's that were renewed/approved at the meeting were with the same restrictions. R. Ness – Seconded.

Unanimous Approval.

Reports

- Zoning Administrator C. Detiege provided the commission with the January 2024 Zoning Administrators Report.

Permits

- No permits issued.

Unfinished business

- CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) – No Update.
- Master Plan Update – Graef has sent an updated Draft and was distributed to planning commission member and township board members. C. Detiege will talk with Graef and set up a Public Workshop in March.

New Business

- Brad and Sara Nault requested that the Micro Brewery hours on the Special Use Permit be changed to:

November – April	Noon – 8 p.m.	Sunday – Wednesday
	Noon – 9 p.m.	Thursday – Saturday
May – October	Noon – 9 p.m.	Sunday – Wednesday
	Noon – 10 p.m.	Thursday – Saturday

R. Ness made a motion to approve the updated hours. S. Ribble – Seconded

Vote: 4 in Favor/ 1 Present. Approved

Short Term Rental Renewals

- C. Detiege wanted to know if the commission wanted to use a letter or an inspection form for STR ‘s renewal. He will continue to use a letter and attach an inspection form stating same conditions.

Special Use Permits/ ZBA Applications

- Anna Penozza, 3827 L. 15 Lane, Escanaba, MI for an STR at 4116 State Highway M35, Escanaba, MI. Will set a Public Hearing for March Meeting, March 6, 2024.

Communications

- None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- None

Adjournment

- A motion was made by J. Church. R. Ness Seconded.

Unanimous Approval.

Amended:

Ray Fettig commented on Microbrewery Parking

Ray Fettig Commented on Public Safety Ordinance #101 regarding Microbrewery Parking