

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2020

Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm by R. Livingston and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: P. Dagenais, K. Jaeger, R. Livingston, D. Wellman, K. Mineau.

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Conflict of Interest Declaration

- P. Dagenais declared a conflict of interest with short term rentals, he will abstain from discussion.

Public Hearing - None

Minutes

- Planning Commission meeting minutes from June 2020 were approved with a motion by P. Dagenais, seconded by K. Mineau. Unanimous approval.

Permits

- Z1097 - Jesse Denome, RR, 4880 L.85 Lane, 6/11/2020
009-065-035-50, 36'x64' Accessory Structure
- Z1098 - Tim Wilson, R1, E4985 Hwy M-35, 6/17/2020
009-064-084-00, 23'x12' Deck
- Z1099 - Tom Ruleau, RR, 2452 H Road, 6/18/2020
009-101-001-00, 42'x64' Accessory Building
- Z1100 - Allan Ogren, R2, 3833 L.15 Lane, 6/18/2020
009-065-095-00, 8'x17' Deck w/ stairs
- Z1101 - Erick & Diane Johnson, RR, Vacant Parcel, 6/18/2020
009-380-009-00, 28'x62' one story home & 36'x28' Attached Garage
- Z1102 - Albert Aittama, RR, 4352 10.75 Lane, 6/23/2020
009-066-002-10, 14'x36' lean-to & 12'x12' Shed
- Z1103 - David Hayes, R2, 4308 K. Road, 6/23/20, Public Hearing to be held 8/6/20
009-059-012-00, 32'x56' Pole Building-personal storage
- Z1104 - Alan Couillard, Commercial, 4379 M-35, 6/30/2020
8' High Fence, 60' Length

Unfinished Business

- Short Term Rentals - The board reviewed the minutes from 2007, provided by Ray Fettig, with their intentions for the ordinance, minutes were from a few different meetings as well as a workshop that was held prior to the adoption of the ordinance. They had determined that any property rented for a period shorter than one month would need to have a resort designation. They also added under the definitions of Dwelling, Single-Family, Two-Family and Multiple Family, that the dwelling should

not be rented for a period of time less than 30 days. Resorts are listed as conditional uses permitted by special use permit in both R-2 and RR. The businesses that were established prior to the ordinance would be grandfathered in.

Supervisor Fontaine suggested that the Commissions recommendation go in front of the Township Board. The commission made the recommendation that we comply with the ordinance and letters would be sent to all known short term rentals stating that they are prohibited in the township, other than by special use permit in R-2 and RR.

- Marijuana - K. Jaeger wanted to make sure the commission was aware that the Adult Recreation Marijuana laws have been established and posted and are available on the LARA website.

New Business

- David Hayes, 4308 K Road, Special Use Permit Request - Supervisor Fontaine provided the board with the packet for the upcoming special use permit request in August.
- Tryan, 4477 Hwy M35, potential special use for Storage Units. Supervisor Fontaine said it is located in RR, currently there is a house on the property that would have to be torn down to build units.

Communications

- Info from Ray Fettig regarding short term rentals
- Supervisor Fontaine provided a handout from MSUE on effective meetings

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Ray Fettig wanted to wish everyone a happy 4th of July, stay safe and stay healthy.
- K. Jaeger and the commission Thanked Supervisor Fontaine for her years of service as she has resigned from the position as Township Supervisor.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Jaeger, seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Kent Jaeger 8-6-2020