

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2019

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

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

Conflict of Interest Declaration - None

Public Hearing - None

Minutes

- Planning Commission meeting minutes from September 2019 were approved with a motion by K. Mineau, seconded by P. Dagenais. Unanimous approval.

Permits

- Z1068 – Steve Clark, RR, 6050 G.5 Road, 9/4/19
009-223-002-30, 20'x40' Pole Building
- Z1069 – Brandon Swanson, R-2, 3588 K. Road, 9/11/19
009-071-015-00, 32'x36' Home Addition
- Z1070 – Renee Silta, C, 4029 Hwy M-35, 9/12/19
009-064-001-20, 7' High wood Fence, 200' Length
- Z1071 – Lyle Bero, R-1, 5348 Portage Point, 9/23/19
009-530-047-00, 8' High vinyl fence, 64' length, homeowner recently added a deck that sticks out 12' past the house

Unfinished Business

- Wind Turbines - Tabled until next month
- Zoning Changes (By Attorney) - Supervisor Fontaine provided the board with an updated copy of the zoning changes, as there were two things the attorney felt needed to be addressed, a copy of his email was provided and discussed. The board was also provided with a copy of the letter the Attorney sent to the Delta County Planning Commission, along with acknowledgement of their receipt of the updated ordinance.
- Questions on: Article IV, Section 418 A, Signs and Billboards - R. Fettig provided the board with a list of things he felt could be potential changes in the ordinance. K. Jaeger expressed concern with reviewing the list, at this time. She stated the current proposed ordinance changes have already gone through a public hearing, the Township Attorney and were with the County for review, if any additional changes were made at this time we would need to again follow through on all of these steps. The board and R. Fettig agreed that we did not want to re-visit those steps again and the list could be reviewed if ordinance changes were made in the future.

The board re-explained the addition of Section 418 A-4. Allowing a sign for an approved Special Use Permit.

- Marijuana Training - Session 5 was held on 9/19/19, Supervisor Fontaine sent out the recording and provided copies of the PPT to the board.
- Marijuana Training - Session 6 will be on 10/24/19.
- Marijuana Recommendation - Supervisor Fontaine provided the board with a copy of the current Township Marijuana Ordinance. It states the Planning Commission must "Prepare and submit a report to the Township Board by March 11, 2020, with a recommendation as to whether the Township should authorize one or more types of marihuana establishments. If the Planning Commission recommends authorization, the report shall outline, in general terms, the recommended regulations."

New Business - None

Communications - None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - Supervisor Fontaine has received a permit for a free standing solar permit, as this time the permit has been rejected as it was not completed in full, but could be something that would come to the board in the future.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Jaeger, seconded by K. Mineau. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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