

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting minutes
Meeting date January 4, 201~~2~~³

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: Five citizens and Supervisor Fountaine

Public Hearing – None

Public Comment on agenda items None

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes for December 6, 2012 were approved on a motion by Mr. Ciminskie seconded by Mr. Lippens. Unanimous approval.

Permits - None

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – Election of Board officers

Mr. Nelson was nominated as Chair and Mr. Tryan as Vice-Chair.
Motion by Mr. Ciminskie, second by Mr. Lippens. Unanimous approval.
Mr. Ciminskie was nominated as Secretary and Mr. Tryan as Vice-Secretary.
Motion by Mr. Lippens, second by Mr. Nelson. Unanimous approval

Communication – New Plat books are available. Do Planning Commission members need them? Rachael will see if the Township Board will cover the cost of books for all members.

Public Comment

A question on private road language. Did the changes to the Ordinance on private roads change the non-conforming use language. No.
Further discussion of the new language on private roads dealt with possible ways to avoid the requirements of the ordinance. There will always be individuals that will try to find ways around the rules. The Planning commission cannot think of every possibility or write an ordinance that could cover every possibility for every requirement.

It was asked if there was a need for updated education on the Land Division Act. It was felt that such education might be valuable. Rachael will look into available classes.

Mr. Wellman is meeting with MDOT about parking on M-35 in the Township.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tryan Second by Mr. Lippens. Unanimous approval.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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