

Ford River Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting minutes  
Meeting date August 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Nelson  
Present were: Mr. Ciminskie, Mr. Wellman, Mr. Lippens . Absent: Mr. Tryan  
Also in attendance: Eight citizens and Supervisor Fountaine

**Public Hearing** – Opened at 7:03. Mr. Livingston wants to add additional storage buildings to the ones he already operates. He is located in an RR district. There were no comments from the public after letters were sent and the public hearing published. He would like to have up to 48 months to construct two additional storage buildings (40' x 200'.) One would be constructed immediately with the other as need develops. He also asked if outdoor camper storage would be permitted - Additional research would be needed on this question.

Section 604 of the Ordinance was reviewed to see if the project met the standards. A motion that all standards were met by Mr. Lippens, Second by Mr. Ciminskie, Unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Lippens to grant the permit, second by Mr. Ciminskie. Unanimous approval.

Public hearing closed at 7:18

**Public Comment on agenda items** None

**Minutes**

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

**Permits –**

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. William Arkens | 4355 M Rd.         | 009-060-014-00 | Pole Building – Garage and living space |
| 2. Brian Boucher  | 5671 Portage Point | 009-530-051-00 | Addition                                |

**Unfinished Business –**

Private road language. Ordinance language was discussed and section 607 was reviewed for possible amendment. The proposed language will be taken to the Township Attorney prior to a new Public Hearing being scheduled to correct the wording to make the Ordinance consistent with the Land Division Act.

Wind turbines and Solar collectors were also discussed. It was previously determined that all wind and solar installations will require a special use permit in order to assure that there will be limited impact on neighbors.

**New Business** – The Planning Commission was given information about the ATC power line proposals. This is good information for us to know but it is not an area over which we have control.

**Communication –**

A letter was distributed from CUPPAD on wind and solar power.

**Public Comment –**

A comment was made that condominiums should be added to the parking lot items to be discussed as ordinance changes are considered. This was thought to be a good suggestion and will be added.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lippens. Second by Mr. Ciminskie. Unanimous approval.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 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.