

**Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2018**

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

Present: Dr. Kolinsky, Mrs. Jaeger, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Wellman, Mr. Lippens

Public Hearing - None

Public Comment on agenda items

Supervisor Fontaine add a few items under new business: Commercial Property for sale, I Lane and Boat Storage

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes from May 3, 2018 were approved with a motion by Mr. Lippens, seconded by Mr. Wellman. Unanimous approval.

Permits

- Z1005 Scott Laviolette, 5117 I Road, Fence, \$25, 5/8/18
- Z1006 Keith Beauchamp, 4414 12th Road, Trailer, \$25, 5/15/18

Unfinished Business

- Ponds - Nothing at this time.
- Ordinance Review - Cottage Industry vs Home Occupation Two was discussed. The board likes the idea of using cottage industry, keeping the ordinance somewhat "strict" as it is easier to loosen the rules than tighten. Supervisor Fontaine will bring some examples to the next meeting for the boards review.

New Business

- Special Use Permit - Cory Hansen, Storage Units, M Road - Supervisor Fontaine is meeting with Mr. Hansen this weekend, if Mr. Hansen wants to pursue building these units, there will likely be a public hearing next month.
- Commercial Property for Sale - Supervisor Fontaine wanted to confirm a property as commercial, the individual that purchased the land has it For Sale as R1 or Commercial. It is commercial land.
- I Lane - Mr Lanaville is looking to build a garage. It would be required for him to get easement and see how many people are on the easement, if it is 3 or more, then it would have to meet private road standards.
- Boat Storage - A resident is looking to park his boat on his property, he said he has land in both R-1 and R-2. The board discovered his property is all R-2 and the ordinance states they cannot prohibit the storage of one recreational vehicle that is the property of the occupants.
- Permits - As long as a building is smaller than "x" square feet, is portable and meets all ordinance setbacks, should the township require a permit? The county does not require permits for buildings smaller than 200 square feet. The board will think about this and review at a later date, before ordinance changes are made.

Communications- MTA Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning Brochure. All trainings are downstate.

Public Comment on Non – Agenda Items

- Ray Fettig commented on the parking lot item, regarding wireless towers. The state law increased the distance needed to 20 ft or 10% of the height of the tower.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lippens, seconded by Mrs. Jaeger. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Parking Lot Items

Ordinance Review

There is a discrepancy between 406-E-2 and 421-D-4

A motion was made by Mr. Lippens, seconded by Mr. Wellman to use the wording in section 421, all support structures must be set back from all property lines a distance equal to its height. Unanimous approval.



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