

Ford River Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date ~~May 7~~, 2015
JUNE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Nelson.
Present were Mr. Wellman, Mr Lippens, Mr. Tryan

Public Hearing – none

Public Comment on agenda items – none

Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes of May 7, 2015 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lippens, seconded by Mr. Tryan. Unanimous approval

Permits

1. Ray Livingston 40 x 200 storage building
2. Matt Hoffmeyer 20 x 40 storage building
3. Mike Englund 78 x 50 storage building

Unfinished Business

Richard Smith, a representative of Cuppad came before the board to discuss ordinance changes and changes to the current map.

1. A discussion on the depth of lots along a portion of land along M35 was discussed at length to come up with a uniform set back from the center of the highway to the rear of these lots where the boundaries of R2 and RR meet. The board agreed with Mr. Nelson of Cuppads ----- and a figure of 540 feet from the center line of the present road M35 was approved by the board.
2. A discussion on Sec. 604, item J, regarding group daycare homes was held between Mr. Smith and board, this language will remain the same.
3. A discussion on Sec. 412 was held and a language change was proposed that Sec 412 should read as follows;

Section 412 Access to a Street (Lot of Record) Required

Any future lot of record without any frontage on a street shall not be occupied without first obtaining permanent access to a street provided by a twenty-four (24') foot wide roadbed and a sixty-six (66') foot right-of-way. This requirement is for the purpose of fire protection and emergency access.

4. A discussion on Sec 610 was held on personal landing strips, more information is needed before the board can move forward on the language of this new proposed section
5. A discussion on Sec 606 was held with the board proposed to change the language to read as follows; appeals will be heard by the board of appeals, not the general board.

New Business

1. Randy St. Aubin was given a permit for a garage, woodshed and fence at his residence on M35. This is commercial property, the board did agree t allow this permit even though it is a non-conforming use. All set back were met. A motion by Mr. Lippens and seconded by Mr. Tryan to grant this permit was approved by the board unanimously.

2. Keith Fraundorf (438 M35) questions on solar panels in his R2 district. The board agreed that if the panels are located on the roof, no permit is needed. If the panels are located independently a permit is needed. More specific info is needed on the issue.
3. Review of the Bucholtz accessory building permit (4312 K Road). The one year permit expires soon and due to weather the project has been delayed. The board agreed to extend Mr. Bucholtz's permit for one more year.

Communications

Racheal advised the board on making notes on ordinance changes.

Public Comments

A comment was made that the board was moving to slow on a personal air strip ordinance. The chair Mr. Nelson, informed everyone that this issue needs to be researched before language fits for our township.

Parking Lot items

Monitor/review the Master Plan. (Review in 2019)

Consider the possible re-zoning of Jaeger Road to RR from the R-2 due to typical use in the area

Reword Commercial definitions

Marihuana Ordinance-review as law is clarified

Consider adding condominiums as allowable use

Wind generators

Review private airstrip regulation

Create a list of non-confirming private roads

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Tryan to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lippens at 9:30 p.m.