

**FORD RIVER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**3845 K RD., BARK RIVER, MI 49807**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 4, 2026 AT 7:00 p.m.**

1. The meeting was called to order by K. Mineau at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said
3. **Present:** K. Mineau, R. Ness, J. Church, R. Fettig, J. Hoffmeyer
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None
5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Planning Commission Board:** None
6. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion of approval by J. Church, supported by R. Ness
8. **Approval of Minutes:** The Jan 28, 2026 meeting minutes were not on the agenda.  
Motion of approval by J. Church, supported by R. Ness  
Motion of approval of Jan 28, 2026 Special Meeting by J. Church, supported R. Ness
9. **Zoning Administrator Report:**  
Brett Jenshak reported communications that he received about updating a Verizon antenna on highway M35. Brett also received an email and a letter objecting to Short Term Rentals. A property owner reached out about building a home, waiting on a septic permit. There is a property dispute over a septic being built on neighboring property, property owner is looking into selling the property to the neighbor. Anderson Special Use Permit is moving forward with getting testing down with the county for well and septic. Property owners 4318 and 4312 need to resolve an issue of a garage being built twenty feet over the property line of 4312. Property owner 4312 is to sell to 4318. It was noted that Property owner 4318 is up for sale. Both Property Owners are currently on good terms with each other.
11. **Permits:** None
12. **Speaker:** Ryan Carrig of CUPPAD reviewed the current changes to the proposed STR Ordinance. Any questions and concerns were addressed. Much discussion about where the STR is to be zoned in Ford River Township. Concerns were brought up about zoning being too limited. As a result of concerns a Special Meeting is to be held on March 30, 2026. Motion to approve by J. Church, supported by R. Ness.
13. **Unfinished Business:** To hold a Special Meeting for the STR was agreed upon to be held on March 30, 2026 to review another draft of the STR ordinance. Also have the Ford River Board review the STR drafts. Also to have the Attorney of FR Township review the STR ordinance.

14. **New Business:** None

15. **Special Use Permit Applications / ZBA Applications:** None

16. **Communications:** None

17. **Public Comments:** Dennis Janke pointed out that properties are in all different sizes.

18. **Board Comments:** R. Fettig wanted people to be aware of [Michigan.gov](http://Michigan.gov), there is unclaimed property out there, check the site. R. Ness believes in property ownership rights, and that needs to be protected. People should be free to do with their property as they please within reason. J. Church pointed out that people should be aware of where they are buying property and how the zoning ordinances apply to that property.

19. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by R. Ness, supported by J. Church

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Julie Hoffmeyer, Secretary Ford River Planning Commission