

Ford River Township Planning Commission
3845 K Rd, Bark River, Mi 49807
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order by Keith Mineau at 7:04 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by K. Mineau.
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:**
Jayne Church
6. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by J. Church, seconded R.Fettig.
7. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve March 4 minutes by J. Church, second by R. Fettig.

March 30th minutes tabled until May meeting.

8. Reports:

Zoning Administrator Brett Jenshak: No permits or land divisions. Communications were received about building a garage 009-223-025-10, site plan submitted. Land division will be coming for the issue of the septic tank on the neighbors land. Deer Haven Subdivision has submitted a site plan for new construction, drive way permit submitted. A Realtor inquired about the size of a sign on the Hyde Apartments, zoned RR but a commercial building. B.Jenshak to get more details about the intent of the sign. Delta-Menominee Health Dept submitted the fee schedule they use.

9. Permits: None at this time

10. Unfinished Business:

Discussion about STR Ordinance, definitions and intentions of owners.
Ryan to send the STR Ordinance to DCPC and utilities. FRPC to present the STR Ordinance to the Ford River Board.

Motion to approve Amendment to the Ford River Zoning Ordinance for STR Regulations, Motioned by J. Hoffmeyer, seconded by R. Fettig

Roll Call: K.Mineu-Y, R.Ness-Y, R.Fettig-Y, J.Hoffmeyer-Y, J.Church-A
Motion Carried

Motion to approve the Ford River STR Ordinance be moved to the Ford River Township Board for consideration and adoption.
Motioned by J.Hoffmeyer, seconded by R. Fettig

Roll Call: K.Mineau-Y, R.Ness-Y, R.Fettig-N, J.Hoffmeyer-Y, J.Church-A
Motion Carried

Request made by J. Church for Ryan Carrig to be present at the May Ford River Township Board Meeting.

11. Special Use Permit Applications: None

12. Communications: Email that was sent from a Ford River Resident about situations in Florida and Garth Point of Rapid River. The STR in Florida are quite controversial as they are in Garth Point, people wandering around resident's yards, noise complaints. The STR seem to take advantage to add a bed wherever possible regardless of ordinances. J. Church had a communication of a copy of the enforcement letter of any violations that may occur in the Township. Junk Ordinance or other violations, a form to follow for making the reports. Send to Supervisor Steve Nelson and to give an example to Brett Jenshak, Zoning Administrator.

13. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Dennis Janke questioned the civil infraction and the fines. Are the fines established, what are the fees?

14. Board Comments:

Jayne Church said that the fees are not out yet. They have been approved. A letter will go out to the residents about the issues concerning them, after the initial 30 days given and nothing has been done or attempted, fines begin to occur daily. The blight ordinance has been a constant battle with certain residents, nothing is ever accomplished. This is the reason for the firm penalties. Once the citations occur it is up to Delta County to enforce.

Ray Fettig thanks Brett for following up with all the ordinances.

Jayne Church thanks the planning commission for getting the STR ordinances passed.

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by J. Church, seconded by R. Fettig

Julie Hoffmeyer, Ford River Planning Commission Secretary

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