

Ford River Township Planning Commission
3845 K Rd, Bark River, MI 49807
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2026

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call. Members present: Keith Mineau, Rick Ness, Jayne Church, Ray Fettig, and Julie Hoffmeyer
4. Public comment on Agenda Items Only. None.
5. Conflict of interest declaration. None.
6. Approval of Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda by Jayne Church and seconded by Rick Ness.

7. Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2026.

Motion to approve the minutes by Ray Fettig and seconded by Jayne Church.

8. Reports and Permits.

Brett Jenshak, Zoning Administrator reviewed his report with 7 zoning permits.

House on Deer Haven Rd.

Garage on F Rd.

Garage on M35.

House on Daisy L.85.

Fence on M35.

Fence on Portage Pt. 11.4 Lane.

Addition to Garage on G.5 Road.

A special use permit was discussed for Sandy Shores on M35.

Communications were discussed about future projects.

One complaint came about the Tryan Sawmill in operation.

9. Unfinished Business.

Short Term Rental License/Certificate review.

Jayne Church presented a letter to be sent to existing STR with an application. Mention of the fee to be decided by the FRTB. Ray Fettig brought up concerns about inspections needing to be done by Building Inspector for safety concerns about bedrooms and egressed windows. Ryan Carrig said that the responsibility falls on the STR owners following their building codes. Certificate should be displayed with the capacity and rules in clear view within the STR. Rick Ness made a motion to accept the letter and application, seconded by Julie Hoffmeyer. All in favor.

Discussion about the STR Ordinance and the Ford River Township Board's decision. The view of the Ford River Planning Commission is that the STR belong in a commercial zone only. Keith Mineau read from the FR Master Plan about the needs and concerns of the community. The consensus of the FR Planning Commission is that the FRTB is not listening to the people of the community. Rick Ness compiled a letter for the FRTB about the STR Ordinance. It is encouraged that the members of the FRPC attend the FRTB meeting. Julie Hoffmeyer made a motion to approve the letter to be presented to the next FRTB meeting, Rick Ness seconded the motion. Roll call was done with Keith Mineau, Rick Ness, Ray Fettig, Julie Hoffmeyer all yes, Jayne Church abstained.

CUPPAD to speak about article IV.

Ryan Carrig was present to speak about changing some of the wording. Suggestions were made and a decision for keeping the wording as is. Section 405 was discussed with the wording in 308. Section 407b1 was brought up about temporary dwellings

and septic. Nonconforming private roads were discussed to bring clarification. Hedging in section 419 was discussed.

10. Special Use Permit Applications / ZBA Applications.

One that was previously discussed in #8.

11. Communications. Jayne Church received a hand out from the Ford River Board Meeting about land division ordinance.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (3 minute limit).

Dennis Janke expressed his opinion about the Ford River Board and their decision about the STR Ordinance. Dennis also expressed his appreciation for the work of the Ford River Planning Commission.

Jack Ham brought up that he has not been involved or current in the decision making process. Expressed his opinion about the STR definition. Jack has a nephew, as well as himself, who owns property in Ford River. They both would like to use their properties for STR.

13. Board Comments.

Julie Hoffmeyer voiced her opinions about the STR. Brought up a phone call she received from a resident that has a STR and her experience with that rental. The resident rents the property only a few months of the year to pay expenses of the property. Discussion then ensued with Jack Ham to redefine STR and uses and zones.

Jayne Church stated that R1 has had no STR allowance since 2008. Again Jack Ham engaged in discussion about behavior of residents and people who have rentals.

14. Adjournment. Jayne Church made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick Ness at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Julie Hoffmeyer
Secretary Ford River Planning Commission

8/10/2026
