

# Forest Township Planning Commission Minutes for March 13, 2012

Chairman Breckenridge called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

| Members present:              | Present | Absent |
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| Bouchard, Dick                | X       |        |
| Breckenridge, Bob             | X       |        |
| Hiltz, Debbie                 |         | X      |
| Rowland, Jerry                | X       |        |
| Sorge, Al                     | X       |        |
| Peterson, Mary<br>(rec. sec.) | X       |        |

Mark Martin attended at the request of the planning commission as a resource person.

Guests: None present

Jerry Rowland moved to accept minutes as printed for the February 14, 2012 meeting. Dick Bouchard seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

**Free Standing Ordinances:** Each planning commission member received a list of all free standing ordinances to put in their book. Individual ordinances are available in the township office.

### **Other Business:**

**Medical Marijuana Moratorium:** Tabled while waiting for Michigan Supreme Court rulings. MTA will be discussing it at statewide meeting.

**Weed Ordinance:** Discussion concerning Land Bank and foreclosure ramifications concerning reimbursement for cleanup. Jerry Rowland moved to table for further study. Dick Bouchard seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

**Master Plan Review:** The commission conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> five year review of the township 20 year master plan. Upon completion of discussion Jerry Rowland moved to make the following color change corrections: Evergreen Grove property to orange(RU2); Church and Sons to red (commercial); Lamrock to purple (industrial); Gun Barn to red (commercial) and purple available (industrial). No need for other changes. Dick Bouchard seconded. Roll Call vote: Bouchard, **Yes**; Breckenridge, **Yes**; Rowland, **Yes**; Sorge, **Yes**. All yes. Motion carried.

**Zoning Administrator's Comments:** Resident building without permit was resolved with letter. Resident now in compliance.

**Planning Commission Comments:** Al Sorge expressed concern about weed ordinance and blight problems due to homes that are not occupied and may be in foreclosure.

**Adjournment:** Jerry Rowland moved to adjourn meeting. Dick Bouchard seconded. All yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Peterson  
Recording Secretary

