

**FOREST TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON
APRIL 08, 2014**

Chairman Breckenridge called the meeting to order a 7:00 P.M.

		Present	Absent
Members Present:	Breckenridge, Rob	X	
	Hiltz, Debbie	X	
	Jones, Dawn	X	
	Martin, Mark	X	
	Stinson, Dan	X	
Recording Secretary:	Peterson, Mary		X

Mary Ann Price attended at the request of the Planning Commission as a resource person.

Guests attending: Otto Frantz and Tom Alward.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Jones, to accept the minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2014 and the minutes from the Conditional Use Hearing on March 11, 2014. All yes, motion carried.

CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW OF BLAINE AND LENORE THOMPSON: At a Planning Commission Hearing On July 10, 2012 the Forest Township Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit for Blaine and Lenore Thompson for them to keep a horse on their property at 9043 Frances Rd, Otisville which is only 1.73 acres. There have been many complaints regarding the treatment of the horse and the horse died in March 2014.

Complaints from Otho Frantz: The water tank for the horse was frozen and could not get water, the pen was over a septic system, the area was not consistently cleaned, manure was never removed, the smell was bad and his property value would go down. Mr. Frantz had called animal control and no ticket was ever issued. He would like the Planning Commission to rescind the permit. Tom Alward explained that no one ever paid attention to the horse.

Blaine and Lenore violated Forest Township conditions of the conditional use permit Section 9.04-C of the Forest Township Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Hiltz, to move forward with revoking the Conditional Use Permit issued to Blaine and Lenore Thompson issued on July 10, 2014. Hearing is set for May 13, 2014 at 7:15 P.M. A letter will be sent to Blaine and Lenore Thompson that the hearing is set and not replace any hoofed animal until the outcome of the hearing. Roll call vote: Jones, yes; Breckenridge, yes; Stinson, yes; Martin, yes; Hiltz, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Chairman Breckenridge adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M

Submitted by Beatrice Banyas
In the absence of Mary Peterson - Recording Secretary

