

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKENMUTH TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
January 7, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Frankenmuth Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 8:00 P.M., at 240 West Genesee Street, Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Present: Haubenstricker, Frahm, Scherzer, and Reid.
Absent: Grueber, and Friend, Zoning Administrator

Chairman Haubenstricker called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M., and asked for review and approval of the minutes for December 10, 2013, which action was deferred to the next meeting.

Chairman Haubenstricker called for public comment and noted that there was none.

Chairman Haubenstricker called on Mr. John Keberlein of 12220 Baker Road.

Mr. Keberlein stated that he had spoken with Zoning Administrator Friend about the construction of a pole barn at his residence and was informed that an outbuilding must not be closer to the street than the front of the residence, and if his plan did not conform, he, Mr. Keberlein should meet with the Township Planning Commission. Mr. Keberlein explained that the proposed 32 x 40 barn would be up to 10 or more feet closer to the road than the front of his home for the reason that the barn would be near his current drive way on the east side of his home, that the barn would be moved north to avoid relocating a sump pump line, and that the area to the south and west of his home were already occupied by outbuildings. Upon inquiry by the commission, the homestead is in a wooded area, not readily visible from the Baker Road and almost 100 yards from the road.

Upon motion and support, it was unanimously resolved:

That Mr. Keberlein petition the Frankenmuth Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance to allow the construction of the proposed pole barn for not more than 15 feet in front of his residence with the affirmative recommendation of the Frankenmuth Planning Commission upon the findings that the area chosen for the pole barn was reasonable considering the current location of outbuilding and of the sump pump and the distance from Baker Road in a wooded residential area.

Chairman Haubenstricker called for the annual election of officers:

Upon nomination and unanimous vote of the commission the following were elected to the respective offices:

Dean Haubenstricker	Chairman
James Scherzer	Vice Chairman
Robert Reid	Secretary

Chairman Haubenstricker asked for a discussion of the problem involving the parent (1988) parcel code numbers used in Chapter 6 setting out the allowable residential site divisions, which problem has resulted by reason of the Saginaw County Equalization Department's deleting a parcel code number and assigning a new number when the parcel was divided into two or more parcels.

The commission determined that the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 6, would require an amendment to the ordinance, specifically Chapter 6, Section 603 (4). The commission determined that the following language would be the subject matter of review at the next meeting, to wit:

The addition of the following sentence to the end of Section 603 A(4): Without affecting the number of “allowable splits”, the “Parcel Numbers” in Chapter 6 of the Frankenmuth Zoning Ordinance, being derived from the Frankenmuth Property Tax Roll for 1988, will be renumbered, both past and present, as established by the action of the Saginaw County Equalization Department; the renumbering will be made in an administrative record established and maintained by or under the direction of the Frankenmuth Township Zoning Administrator for the purpose of administrating the intent of the Frankenmuth Township Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan.

Chairman Haubenstricker asked Mr. Frahm for an update on the draft windmill ordinance. Mr. Frahm read for review and comment from the report forwarded by the Township attorney. Mr. Frahm recorded the agreed upon changes for his final draft to be acted upon at the next meeting.

Chairman Haubenstricker asked for an update of the medical marijuana status. Mr. Frahm reported that the Michigan legislature was in the process of adopting measures that, hopefully, would allow local municipalities the authority for control via zoning. The moratorium enacted by the township board was confirmed.

Chairman Haubenstricker asked for other business. None was mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting would be February 4, 2014 at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Frankenmuth Township Planning Commission
Robert J. Reid, Secretary