



FOREST TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting; Town Hall, July 14, 2026; 6:30 pm		
Present: Tim Holzkamm, Lynn Lindow, Barb Christiansen, Karen Hefner and Donna Waliczek Absent: Visitors: Matt Hanson, Pat Sweeney, Pat Thiebert, Kurt Withnell, Paul and Monette Lundquist, Steve Lindow		
Agenda Item	Discussion Points/Notes	Actions/Follow-up Needed
Pledge of Allegiance Visitor Sign in		
Consent agenda: - June Minutes - Treasurers Report - Approval of Claims	- Review minutes. - Submit reports. - Submit claims.	Lynn moved to accept the consent agenda, Barb second, motion carried
• Public Comment		
• Clerk's Report	Becker Co. Assessor's office provided a list of the expectations and timelines for completion of quintile work; All quintile work must be completed by December 1st of each year. This information is to inform the town board that the Township Assessor, Lisa Marshall, is responsible for this to be done. Clerk training and Election Head Judge/Basic Training have been completed. Supervisor and Clerk openings were posted on the Park Rapids Enterprise and the Affidavit for Candidacy to be filed for one supervisor and clerk has been given to candidates. Susanne Seiferty (Becker Co. GIS/Research Specialist) sent and email with a 2010 survey that questioned the need to re-route Red Top Road to show the actual road on GIS.	Barb Christiansen has completed her Affidavit and Karen Hefner will complete hers soon. Barb will contact Susanne and see what they need.

Board Member Reports - Town Hall - Trash/Recycle - Roads - Planning Commission - Weed Report - Website	No issues at the town hall Some of the recycle bins are full. Tim called and let the county know. Still a problem with people not latching the dumpsters. Bears are continuing to make a mess. No concerns with the roads. Some wash boarding but it's dry again so grading won't help at this time. Robert Ritzke permit for a shed w/dirt floor approved and finalized. Mowing ditches will be done next week, weather permitting. Some errors have been found with agenda/minutes missing some information on the website. The board will make these corrections.	Barb moved to approve, Lynn second Lynn will check if trees need to be cleared prior Board to make sure they have things correct before posting on website.
Old Business	Discuss any issues on wake boat survey. Several property owners showed up to discuss their concerns and ask questions about the survey that the town board sent out. How are the surveys counted? What represents a representation of the township? What is the process required to regulate the wake boats (WB)? Why weren't any WB owners involved or contacted prior to and during the creating of the survey? They felt that the survey was biased, secretive and it is not anonymous since they were numbered. Many people expressed concern with the numbering system, not providing complete anonymity and therefore did not participate in the survey. The agenda and minutes have not been posted. The survey should be thrown out. The township has no authority to police the water. This is wreaking it for the kids that are having fun on the lake. Pushing more boats in one area of the lake will create more problems and a greater safety concern. One property owner shared several different researches that have been done regarding WB and this may contradict what information the town board has on the website. This owner asked that everyone on the Planning Commission look at all this information. He also shared a copy of the May 14, 2019 from Forest Township minutes when the board was given a letter and sample survey to review and comment on regarding Wake Boat regulations. No action was taken at that time.	The town board explained the process after the survey is tallied and comments collected. They also tried to reassure the property owners that the numbers are not linked to anyone and they are anonymous. There will be an open meeting for the public to come and express their views prior to anything going to the DNR. It was recommended that that open meeting be held on a Saturday morning so more seasonal residents could. The only Planning Commission minutes are from May 5th. The June minutes cannot be posted until they are accepted at the next meeting. The surveys will be opened and tallied at a public meeting at the town hall on Monday, July 20th at 6:30pm
New Business		
Adjourn		Barb moved and Lynn second. Motion carried

Tim Holzkamm Date

Barb Christiansen Date

Lynn Lindow Date

Karen Hefner /Clerk Date