

Planning Commission Meeting  
October 20, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.  
Forest Township Town Hall

In attendance: Carol Peterson (Forest Township Board), members at large: John Backes, Dennis Anderson, Mark Branstrom, and Rolf Christensen.  
John Backes nominated and voted in as Chairperson of the Planning Commission.

The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the question raised by the township board regarding the 2006 Forest Township Zoning Ordinance.

Question:

1. Does Forest Township Zoning Ordinance pertain to Resorts?

RESPONSE: Yes. Forest Township Zoning Ordinance:

*Section 1 Policy and Title, subdivision 2 "Application" provides for more restrictive use than Becker County and applies to all property within Forest Township except the first tier of Riparian property up to a depth of 267 feet.*

*Section 2 Purpose and Authorization, # 3 adopted for the purpose of protecting and conserving the social and economic use of agriculture, residential development, and commercial and industrial land.*

*Section 4 Jurisdiction, Scope, Interpretation, Severability and Abrogation, subdivision 2-B "Conservation District" is designated as all property in Forest Township not included in the Shoreland District (which is the first 267 feet of the riparian property).*

*Section 4: Subdivision 3 "Scope" included the use of property and every structure or portion of structure erected, altered, added to or relocated in the above captioned portion of Forest Township (Conservation District) shall conform to this ordinance.*

*Section 4: Subdivision 4 "Interpretation" the Ordinance is in effect in all cases when this ordinance is more restrictive (than County or State).*

*Section 5 Rules and Definitions Subdivision "Rules" A 3&6 includes all structures, lots, parcels; and all persons, firms, associates, partnership, trust company, or corporations, as well as an individual (all inclusive, no exclusions).*

*Section 7 Conservation District Permitted Uses and Densities: Subdivision 1  
"Residential" #6 does not permit commercial or industrial use except for  
those existing at the time of passage.*

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Planning commission that:  
A pre-existing resort wishing to expand beyond 267 feet of riparian property or  
into the second tier must presented an application for a conditional use permit  
(Section 11) to the Township Planning Commission

The members were thanked and John adjourned the meeting.