

APPROVED MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howard Bowersox called the meeting to order @ 6:02 PM

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

Present; Linda Bechaz, Mike Malcomson, James Cain, Jessica Walsh, Howard Bowersox, Aaron Pieri. It is noted that there is one vacant seat on the board. Also present are Lois Brennen acting as recording secretary, Amy Dalman as recording secretary, & Michele Graham as acting zoning administrator.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Aaron Pieri moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by James Cain. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Aaron Pieri moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020 as presented. Seconded by Jessica Walsh. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

P 20001 Mahlon & Barbara Brenneman of 7275 200<sup>th</sup> Ave Stanwood. PSU 20001. Howard Bowersox presented a letter from Thomas & Paula Brink supporting Mahlon & Barbara Brenneman's home-based business. (See Attached) Start a home business to operate a small sawmill and build out buildings. Putting in a driveway for the incoming traffic hauling logs as to meet the standards set forth by the road commission. Sawdust is to be stored inside of an outbuilding. Application has been submitted along with the fee, as have the plans for the new building. Mahlon Brenneman of 7275 200<sup>th</sup> Ave Stanwood stated that he did have the approval for the driveway from the road commission. Mahlon also brought up that he would like to change the building size from 30X72 to 40X80. Henry Schlabach of 13372 6-mile RD discussed that our ordinance may need some updating as other municipalities are allowing more board foot per day. Mike Malcomson stated the importance of the board to maintain the rural nature of the Township including small farms & operations including lakes & streams.

Mike Malcomson moved to approve Mahlon & Barbara Brenneman's request as it conforms to 4.1 & 5.1 of Mecosta Township Zoning Ordinance. PSU20001 @ 7275 200<sup>th</sup> Ave Stanwood Parcel #54 09 027 010 000 to operate a sawmill as a home occupation. With the condition that a new diagram reflecting the building size to be changed as Mahlon Brenneman requested. Supported by Jessica Walsh. Roll Call: Mike Malcomson yea, Jessica Walsh yea, Linda Bechaz yea, James Cain yea, Howard Bowersox yea, Aaron Pieri nay. 5 yeas 1 nay. Motion is passed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning ordinance changes. The board reviewed the amendments and decided to table the discussion until the next meeting due to some other changes that may need to be added.

9. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS

There was a discussion about fences. No decisions were made. Aaron Pieri left the meeting during the discussion @ 7:13 PM

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. REPORTS

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

Jessica Walsh moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by James Cain 6 yeas 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

These minutes were prepared by Amy Dalman, acting as recording secretary.

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Howard Bowersox