

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MECOSTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
19729 – 11 MILE ROAD, BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
JANUARY 7, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howard Bowersox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Aaron Pieri, Linda Bechaz, Howard Bowersox, Pam Scarbrough, and Jessica Walsh. Absent James Cain and Mike Malcomson. Also present Gladys Lenard, Recording Secretary, Laura Bosworth, and 3 members of the public.

4. APPROVAL AGENDA

Aaron Pieri moved to approve the agenda with the following change: “New Business” to include #3 “2018 Annual Report”. Seconded by Jessica Walsh. 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Aaron Pieri moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Jessica Walsh. 5 yeas 0 nays. Motion Carried

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Eli Dukes of 10255 Northland Drive asked to “amend the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate Village Commercial from the Master Plan”. His property is currently zoned residential R2, and he would like it to be changed to commercial for retail purposes. He plans to keep the adult foster care there, and add a retail store and a production office. Howard Bowersox thanked him for attending and for his input. Howard explained the process and timeframe of when the commission would begin working on the Master Plan. He invited Mr. Dukes to all future meetings.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Zoning Ordinance Changes dated April 2 and Aug. 6, 2019 were reviewed.

Aaron Pieri moved to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendments with changes. Seconded by Jessica Walsh. Roll Call: Pam Scarbrough – yes, Howard Bowersox– yes, Linda Bechaz – yes, Jessica Walsh – yes, Aaron Pieri – yes.

9. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR DECISION

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Change meeting dates due to elections May 5, & Aug 4.

Aaron Pieri moved to change the May 5 meeting to May 7 and the August 4 meeting to August

6. Seconded by Jessica 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried

2. Recreation Committee

Deadline to re-apply for the playscape grant is April 1, 2020. Howard Bowersox will contact Lois Brennan to discuss, and form a committee.

3. Annual Report – 2018

Linda Bechaz moved to approve the 2018 Annual Report, to be sent to the Township Board for approval. Seconded by Jessica Walsh. Roll Call: Pam Scarbrough – yes, Howard Bowersox– yes, Linda Bechaz – yes, Jessica Walsh – yes, Aaron Pieri – yes.

9. COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS

None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Aaron Pieri moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jessica Walsh.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m

Submitted by
Gladys Lenard
Recording Secretary

Linda Bechaz moved to approve the January 7, 2020 Minutes as amended. Seconded by Mike Malcomson. 5 yeas 0 nays Motion Carried

Howard Bowersox, Chairman
Mecosta Township Planning Commission

February 4, 2010
Date Approved