

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MECOSTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
19729 – 11 MILE ROAD, BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
MARCH 3, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Mike Malcomnson called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Aaron Pieri, James Cain, Mike Malcomnson, and Jessica Walsh. Absent Linda Bechaz, Howard Bowersox, and Pam Scarbrough. Also, present Gladys Lenard, Zoning Administrator, Laura Bosworth, Acting Recording Secretary, and 1 member of the public.

4. APPROVAL AGENDA

James Cain moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Aaron Pieri. 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

James Cain moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020 as presented. Seconded by Aaron Pieri. 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion Carried

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

Dave Timmermans of 11946 Shaner, Cedar Springs, owner of Classic Property Management is interested in purchasing the property at 18087 Pierce Road (old Hospital), and requested the zoning be changed from R2 to Commercial. He runs a lawn service, snow removal, landscaping business, and would like to build a 36 x 44 pole barn to store his equipment, and a 30 x 48 salt bin. Not a lot of traffic, no retail sales, and 2-3 employees total.

Gladys explained that this change is not a part of the current Master Plan or Future Land Use Map. The PC will take this into consideration when they begin work on updating the Master Plan this year, and thanked Mr. Timmermans for coming, and invited him to attend all future meetings.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendments

PC to review final draft, with close attention to 6.2 and “replace”.

2. Recreation Committee

Grant information is being gathered and uploaded to the site, while we wait for the Township Board to approve the match and application.

9. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR DECISION

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A new parking barrier has been reported between Sugar Creek Restaurant and the Real Estate Office, possibly causing a health and safety issue. Gladys confirmed that uses prior to the Ordinance are grand-fathered.

11. COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m

Submitted by
Laura Bosworth
Acting Recording Secretary