**MORTON TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING – July 20, 2022**

Call to Order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman- Steve Brandt

Pledge of Allegiance by all

Members Present: Steve Brandt Larry Lenon, Jeff Cross, Jeff Ratledge

Members Absent: Lisa Thompson

Others Present: Cory Zandstra- Zoning Administrator, Jill Charron, Stephanie McNeal - Recording Secretaries

List of Public present: Jeff Snyder, Larry Bunker, Mark Hentrich, Mark & Jackie Perrin, Pat & Kim Carr

Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2020, Regular Meeting

**Motion** by: Steve Brandt

To approve the May 18, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes as amended in 6.C: “Jeff Cross suggested that there *should be* a process established for updating the Master Plan.”

2nd by: Jeff Cross

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

**Open Public Hearing @ 6:32 P.M.**

**New Business**

Article 10.1 Specific Terms: Roadside Stands

Review proposed changes / additions to the Morton Township Zoning Ordinance for submission to the Morton Township Board of Trustees for approval on the following:

Section 10.1 Roadside Stands

Comments from Jeff Ratledge:

* This specific hearing is to address traffic / parking issues and safety concerns.
* All roadside stands currently operating will stay as is for 2022.
* No final decision made tonight

Comments from Jeff Snyder, owner of produce stand on Buchanan:

* Obtained 400+ signatures of residents who feel the stand is safe.
* This is his 9th year at this location, no accidents.

Comments from Pat Carr, owner of produce stand on 9 Mile:

* Addressed his concern about the wording of the roadside stand ordinance which mentions the produce being grown on the premises.

**Close Public Hearing @ 6:42 P.M.**

**Old Business** – Agricultural Buildings

Cory Zandstra presented proposed Agricultural Affidavit / Application.

**Motion** by: Steve Brandt

To approve Agricultural Affidavit / Application as is and send to Board of Trustees to approve.

2nd by: Jeff Cross

Rollcall Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried to send to Board

**Reports:**

Building Department (Cory Zandstra)

* Addresses blight issues, working with residents to improve.
* BLT Demo is waiting for approval from the State for asbestos abatement.

Board of Trustees (Jeff Ratledge)

* Lot lines at business park have been fixed.
* Need to establish an alternate (intern) for Planning Commission.

Correspondence:

Cory Zandstra: Will old Denslow’s Market need a Class B Site Plan.

Jeff Ratledge: It is unknown at this time. It is going to be a completely different building, so it probably will be.

Cory Zandstra: A Special Land Use Permit was submitted and will be addressed in next meeting.

Stephanie McNeal: Change time of meeting to earlier.

Jeff Ratledge to address moving meeting to 5:30 P.M. with Mark Klumpp, along with Lisa’s 3rd consecutive absence.

Larry Bunker (citizen): is light in front of BLT still needed?

Jeff Ratledge to bring to Board for discussion.

Jeff Cross: Blue Lake Motel update needed.

Cory Zandstra: Eagle has been investigating site.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

**Motion** by: Jeff Ratledge

To Adjourn regular meeting

2nd by: Steve Brandt

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 7:14 P.M.