**MORTON TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – April 19, 2023**

Call to Order at 5:30 P.M. by Jeff Cross  
Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Members Present: Jeff Cross, Jeff Ratledge, Larry Lenon, Travis Kizer, Karen McKenzie

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jill Charron - Recording Secretary, Gary Moore – Intern, Cory Zandstra – Building Official

List of Public present: None

Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2023, Regular Meeting, as written.

Motion by: Larry Lenon

2nd by: Travis Kizer

Vote: 5 ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

**New Business: Class B Site Plan – Storage Units at 11-021-002-502 – Jamie / Logan Wing**

Will table until next meeting when the Wings can be here to present their Class B Site Plan.

**Old Business:**

1. **Solar Panels - Section 7.10**
   1. Front yard ground solar panels were discussed.
   2. Placing Solar Panels back from front and side roadways was discussed.

7.10.C.3.A *“In all zoning districts ground mounting solar energy systems shall be located at least 10 feet from any property line and no closer than 50 feet from any public roadway right-of-way.”*

7.10.C.3.E Omit this.

* 1. Requirement of a Zoning Permit for a roof mount solar panel was discussed.

1. **Master Plan Discussion**
   1. MTBT has been notified that the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Master Plan.
   2. Add to list to notify: telephone, fiber, cable, & cell phone companies
      1. Spectrum Charter, Verizon, T-Mobile, CMS, CenturyTel, CenturyLink
   3. Topics that were addressed:
      1. land use
      2. socioeconomics
      3. recreation, health and wellness
      4. infrastructure
      5. utilities/services
      6. transportation
      7. education
   4. Consider RFP at the next meeting.

**Citizen Remarks:** No citizens in attendance.

**Reports:**

1. Building/Zoning Department (Cory Zandstra)
   1. Blue Lake Motel still looking into adding new business.
   2. Burned building on John St: Village currently has no zoning.
   3. Possibly reviewing Zoning Ordinance.
2. Township Board (Jeff Ratledge)
   1. Mentioned ARPA fund spending approved by MTBT.
3. Other

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjourn Regular Meeting:**

Motion by: Jeff Ratledge

2nd by: Travis Kizer

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 7:40 P.M.