**MORTON TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – March 15, 2023**

Call to Order at 5:32 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 December 14, 2022, Regular Meeting, as written.

Motion by: Karen McKenzie

2nd by: Travis Kizer

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

**New Business:** Solar Panels:

Cory Zandstra addressed allowing front yard ground solar panels, as well as requested reviewing the requirement of a Zoning Permit for a roof mount.

Solar Panel discussion to be added to agenda for next meeting.

**Old Business:** Master Plan:

Jeff Cross, Karen McKenzie & Jill Charron discussed the Master Plan Training that they attended.

Determine what we have. Data and information gathering. Each person gathers information for the next meeting. Infrastructure, utilities, recreation, schools, transportation, etc.

Motion to advise MTBT that the Planning Commission is considering initiating a Master Plan review, updating and revising as necessary the existing Master Plan.

Motion by Karen McKenzie, 2nd by Travis Kizer. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Notices need to go out. Need a list of who we need to notify.

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

**Reports:**

**Building Department (Cory Zandstra):**

Blue Lake Motel owner wants to start an equipment rental shop but is not zoned for it. He has submitted a Special Land Use Permit.

Rezoning of property from residential to commercial for tree business.

Norm Browning process addressed on Cedar Trace Fourplexes.

**Board of Trustees (Jeff Ratledge):**

Carriage Lane was cleaned up. Cost about $12,000.

Kilkenny house did not clean up within the 30 days. Hearing officer confirmed. Action will be taken to remove the structure.

Renovations have been made to Morton Township.

May 6 is Dump Your Junk Day.

Resolution will be made for not doing the Village ordinances/zoning, etc.

All land purchases are tentatively on hold.

Larry Lenon inquired about the burnt building on John St in the Village and who is supposed to oversee the dangerous building.

It is believed to be the Village’s responsibility. Cory is looking into it.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjourn Regular Meeting:**

Motion by: Jeff Ratledge

2nd by: Travis Kizer

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 7:12 P.M.