**MORTON TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – May 17, 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: Al Rosin, Logan Wing

Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2023, Regular Meeting, as written.

Motion by: Karen McKenzie

2nd by: Larry Lenon

Vote: 4 ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Travis late) 0 Abstain Motion Carried

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

1. The site plan was presented by Logan Wing.
2. A special land use permit has been applied for; the land would remain zoned agriculture with a special land use for storage building.
3. There is concern about setbacks regarding approving this with agricultural setbacks or commercial setbacks bordering the residential parcel to the south.
4. Drainage plan is to grade the parcel so that it drains from west to east.
5. The southern building on the site plan should be pushed north away from the property to the south of this parcel.
6. Mr. Wing has given permission for the Planning Commission to enter the property.
7. A driveway permit would need to be applied for with the county.
8. The Planning Commission would like a letter from Royal View or have them come to the hearing.
9. Without undue delay, the hearing should be scheduled within 30-60 days.

**Old Business: Master Plan Discussion**

1. Materials from MTA were presented which show the procedure for Master Plan updates.
2. Michigan Planner Magazine was presented for an article regarding ordinances.
3. List of telephone, cellphone, internet, and fiber companies was presented for whom to send notices to for Master Plan review.

Pizza Vibes & Brewery special land use permit was issued over a year ago and needs to be reviewed. The building is not being worked on. It is not a dangerous building. Permits have expired.

**Citizen Remarks:** None.

**Reports:**

1. Building/Zoning Department (Cory Zandstra)
   1. Blue Spring Subdivision Fence – contractor will come in and remove it. No fence permit was pulled. The homeowner was responsible for pulling the permit. Fence hit a gas line.
   2. June 4th deadline – dangerous building property on Kilkenny in Canadian Lakes to be scheduled for demolition if deadline is not met.
   3. Owner of roadside stand on Buchanan has no plan of removing the stand from that location. Jeff Ratledge confirmed that the previous building inspector did give Jeff Snyder permission to be where he is on Buchanan.
   4. Blue Lake Motel owner passed away; Special Land Use will not be pursued.
   5. Cooks Tree Service sign has been moved out of the road right-of-way. He will be applying for a Special Land Use Permit.
2. Township Board (Jeff Ratledge)
   1. Morton Township will be putting in an offer for property.
   2. Farmers Market is coming this summer.
   3. Dump Your Junk Day was a success.
3. Other

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjourn Regular Meeting:**

Motion by: Larry Lenon

2nd by: Karen McKenzie

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 7:08 P.M.