**MORTON TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – September 20, 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: Kris Karcher, Logan Wing

Approval of Minutes from July 19, Regular Meeting, as revised.

Motion by: Travis Kizer

2nd by: Larry Lenon

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

Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2023, Regular Meeting, as written.

Motion by: Travis Kizer

2nd by: Jeff Ratledge

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

**New Business: None**

**Old Business:**

1. Wing – Special Land Use Permit
   1. There are concerns with drainage as it does not show on the site plan.
   2. Lighting should not shine on neighbors.
   3. Privacy fence or shrubs between Royal View and Storage Units.
   4. Roadway permit is available, but not issued yet due to expiration date of permit once issued.

Motion to send to the MTBT the approval of SLU permit for parcel 11-021-002-502 for the purpose of constructing and operating a storage unit business with the following stipulations:

-Screening on southern boundary

-Lighting that does not shine on any adjoining properties

-Issuance of driveway permit

Motion by: Travis Kizer, second by Karen McKenzie, Vote: 5 ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried  
MTBT will be October 3rd at 9am at the Morton Township Hall to discuss.  
Committee of the Whole will be October 10th at 9am at the Morton Township Hall to vote.

1. Snyder Roadside Stand – Special Land Use Permit
   1. Court ruled that stand will need to be moved by November.
   2. Tabling until after November was discussed.

Motion to recommend to the MTBT to deny the request for SLU permit for Mr. Hamilton/Mr. Snyder

Motion by: Jeff Ratledge, Second by Karen McKenzie Vote: 3 ayes 2 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

1. Status of Cook nonconforming sign
   1. Sign permit application was denied.
   2. Mr. Cook may still apply to rezone a portion of the property.

**Citizen Remarks:** None

1. Mr. Wing asked for clarification regarding how properties are zoned with SLU permits.
2. Kris Karcher, Buchanan and W SSL. Property zoned A2 may have been sold to someone interested in having a solar farm.

**Reports:**

1. Building/Zoning Department (Cory Zandstra)
   1. Someone is interested in making a campground on 105th Ave, across from boat launch.
2. Township Board (Jeff Ratledge)
   1. The township is adding 1 more full-time fire fighter.
   2. Purchase agreement has been put in to purchase 30 acres off 80th Ave.

Larry Lenon inquired about Village updates. Answer: They currently have a grant to take down 2 unsafe buildings.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjourn Regular Meeting:**

Motion by: Jeff Ratledge

2nd by: Larry Lenon

Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 6:26 P.M.