**MORTON TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 3, 2024**

Meeting held at Mecosta Elementary School, 555 W Main St, Mecosta.

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

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

Absent: Travis Kizer

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

133 public present.

Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by: Larry Lenon

2nd by: Karen McKenzie

Vote: 4 ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

**Old Business:**

1. Cook Sign Application
   1. Motion by Jeff Ratledge, 2nd by Larry Lenon to recommend rezoning to MTBT.

Vote: 4 ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

1. Withdrawal of Bollman Investment Properties/Freshwater Hospitality Consulting Application for Rezoning
   1. Request to withdrawal was acknowledge by the Planning Commission.

**New Business:**

1. Wyse Special Land Use Application
   1. In Mr. Wyse’s absence, Mr. Zandstra presented the special land use specifications that were submitted.
   2. The Planning Commission requests Mr. Wyse’s attendance to proceed.

Motion to table by Jeff Ratledge. 2nd by Karen McKenzie

Vote: 4 ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

1. Bollman/Freshwater Hospitality Consulting Conditional Rezoning Application
   1. Mr. Czarnecki acknowledged the withdrawal of the application for rezoning and the submission of a conditional rezoning application.
   2. Mr. Czarnecki spoke on the terms of the conditional rezoning application.
   3. Mr. Cross noted that the wording needs to be revised in paragraph 8 to comply with the Morton Township Zoning ordinance.

Morton Township Planning Commission will proceed with a public hearing on May 15, 2024.

Motion by Larry Lenon

2nd by Jeff Ratledge

Vote: 4 ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

**Citizen Remarks:**   
Mr. Spence, the president of Morton Township Residents for Responsible Development (MTRFRD) introduced himself and acknowledged that a group was formed that opposes the RV Park.

5 additional citizens spoke opposing the RV Park.

**Reports:**

1. Building/Zoning Department (Cory Zandstra): None
2. Township Board (Jeff Ratledge): None
3. Other: Mr. Cross documented contact with Rowe to begin the Master Plan update process.

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Cross summarized the emails that were received:

A letter was received from Mr. Drueke who represents MTRFRD opposing the RV park.

78 additional emails opposing the park were received.

1 email did not take a position for or against.

**Adjourn Regular Meeting:**

Motion by: Karen McKenzie

2nd by: Jeff Ratledge

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

Meeting adjourned 6:15 P.M.