**MORTON TOWNSHIP**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

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

Call to Order at 5:34 P.M. by Jeff Cross
Pledge of Allegiance by all.

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

Absent: Jeff Ratledge

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

288 public present.

Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by: Travis Kizer

2nd by: Larry Lenon

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

**Old Business:**

1. **Review of DRAFT revised special meeting application form**

Motion to approve sending the draft to the Morton Township Board of Trustees by Travis Kizer, 2nd by Karen McKenzie. Vote: 4 ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

1. **Review of special land use application form**

Chairman Cross tabled the review of Special Use Permit Applications until a work group can meet to review.

**New Business:**

1. **Bollman Investment Properties/Freshwater Hospitality Consulting Application for Rezoning**

Brian Czarnecki and Casey Chapman from Freshwater Hospitality Consulting presented information on the prospective RV Park. Freshwater Hospitality Consulting has applied to rezone 5 contiguous parcels (1 R1 and 4 A2 properties) to Campground.

Mr. Cross confirmed the parcels to be considered:

11-020-002-000

11-020-002-100

11-020-002-500

11-020-003-500

11-020-003-000

Mr. Czarnecki asked about zoning variance / conditional rezoning information.

Morton Township Planning Commission will proceed with a public hearing.

Motion by Travis Kizer, 2nd by Karen McKenzie

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

**Citizen Remarks:**
16 Citizens spoke opposing the RV Park.

**Reports:**

1. Building/Zoning Department (Cory Zandstra):
1. The Mortensen application to rezone from last month has been canceled by the applicant.
2. Township Board (Jeff Ratledge): Update given by Jeff Cross on behalf of Mr. Ratledge.
1. The recommendation to hire Rowe to help with the Master Plan was approved by the Morton Township Board of Trustees.

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Cross summarized the emails that were received:

176 email communications opposing the RV Park.

1 email communication in support of the RV Park.

**Adjourn Regular Meeting:**

Motion by: Karen McKenzie

2nd by: Larry Lenon

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

Meeting adjourned 7:10 P.M.