



**Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting
Mecosta Township Planning Commission
September 6, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:09 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL: present: Howard Bowersox, Tyler Huntley, James Cain, Troy Beeney, Linda Bechaz. Mark Kidd, Absent: Gary McCarthy, Also, present Michele Graham Interim Zoning Administrator & recording secretary.
3. APPROVAL AGENDA
Mark Kidd made a motion to approve the agenda, James Cain seconded. 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Unapproved Minutes June 5, 2022. James Cain made a motion to approve, Linda Bechaz seconded. 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
 - Mike Stegawans asked when the August township board meeting minutes were available. He was provided with an unapproved copy.
 - Ken Draves asked why the approval for the Mike Stegawans rezoning was not in the minutes provide. Michele provided new copies of the minutes that included the missing page.
6. PUBLIC HEARING - None
7. NEW BUSINESS – None
8. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Special Use Permits
 - The Planning Commission is approving special use permits for oversized storage buildings if it meets setbacks. Storage buildings should be permitted as long as the meet setbacks and lot coverage. Why should the public have to pay \$250 if they are all being approved?
What about a building without a principal residence?

The commission will review principal use per parcel, wedding venue barns and special use permits, as they continue to work on the Master Plan and updating Zoning.

2. Master Plan

- Michele is working on updating the Master Plan census information.

At the October 4 planning commission meeting the commission will review the community workshop information.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Consumers Energy will be having a meeting on September 20, 5:30 pm at Mecosta Township Hall. It is regarding the future of Rogers Dam.
- b. Board of Trustees voted against Mike Stegawans rezoning that was present to them by the Planning Commission. A letter was submitted with the following reasons:
Approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of our business district is currently utilized leaving plenty of space open for business.
The parcel right next to Stegawans was denied for commercial use as a firing range. We would find it difficult to deny them if they reapplied by allowing this rezoning. Where/How do we regulate where to stop business use on Old State Road?
Mr. Stegawans publicly expressed his own concerns on business district on Old State Road for two other special use requests stating he did not want any business on Old State Road

10. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Mark Kidd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Cain seconded. 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried. 7:04 P.M.