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**Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting
Mecosta Township Planning Commission
May 2, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE
3. ROLL CALL: present: Troy Beeney, Linda Bechaz, Mark Kidd, James Cain, Gary McCarthy, Howard Bowersox Also, present Michele Graham Interim Zoning Administrator & recording secretary.
4. APPROVAL AGENDA
Mark Kidd made a motion to approve the agenda, James Cain seconded. 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
James Cain made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2023, Mark Kidd seconded. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None
7. PUBLIC HEARING - None
8. NEW BUSINESS –
Michele spoke to the attorney and the following are his recommendations:
 - Minor zoning changes should be corrected before the Master Plan.
 - Do not rezone the parcels along Northland Drive, South of Rogers Heights commercial district. Add language into the Master Plan stating that parcels along Northland Drive may be rezoned to commercial. It would not be considered spot zoning since it would be in the Master Plan.

Mark Kidd made a motion to add a change to the Zoning Change list, Page 2-23, Section 2.10 (D) “Five to One” to “Four to One”. Linda Bechaz seconded. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mark Kidd made a motion to recommend the zoning change list to the township board. Gary McCarthy seconded. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mark Kidd made a motion to recommend to the board of trustees to hire a planner to assist in completion of the Master Plan review and revision. Gary McCarthy seconded. 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Michele stated that we will need a Future Use Map for the Master Plan. What do the residents want our township to look like in 10 years? How far West do we go on 8 Mile Road for a commercial district? 8 Mile Road between Old State Road and Northland Drive is mostly commercial or industrial.
9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

James Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Kidd seconded. 6 yeas 0 nays
motion carried. 7:22 P.M.