



**Approved Minutes Regular
Meeting
Mecosta Township Planning Commission
March 5, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE
3. ROLL CALL: present: Linda Bechaz, James Cain, Pat Langworthy, Ken Draves, Troy Beeney, Mark Kidd, absent Howard Bowersox. Also, present Michele Graham Zoning Administrator.
4. APPROVAL AGENDA
James Cain made a motion to approve the agenda. Troy Beeney seconded. 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
James Cain made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes February 6, 2024, Ken Draves 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 - None
9. OLD BUSINESS
Barn Venue – The Township Board would like the Planning Commission to review other townships ordinances and total number of acres allowed.
Ken Draves found a township that has allowed Barn Venues is now rescinding allowing them. The township recognized that Agritourism relates to farm products. Wedding Venues are considered commercial.
Troy Beeney stated that we need to use acreage and setbacks to determine where the venues would be allowed. Rural Residential has some large acreage and Troy feels we should allow venues in this district.
The minimum acreage should be in all districts that allow venues.
Mark Kidd has been added to the event venue committee. The committee will meet before the next meeting. They hope to bring back more clarity of the requirements for event venues.

Master Plan – Commission needs to proof the draft of the Master Plan, Proposed Zoning Map, and Future Use Map.
Truman Tree Service on Northland Dr would like to be commercial in the future.

Public Comment - Jim Doyle stated that he was not running an event venue to make money. Jim would like to continue to have family and friend events at his property. He questioned if he could do this without township permits.

Troy Beeney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06, Pat Langworthy seconded. 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.