



**Unapproved Minutes Regular
Meeting
Mecosta Township Planning Commission
June 4, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE
3. ROLL CALL: present: Pat Langworthy, Ken Draves, Mark Kidd, Howard Bowersox, Linda Bechaz, James Cain. Absent Troy Beeney. Also, present Michele Graham Zoning Administrator.

4. APPROVAL AGENDA

Ken Draves 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 May 7, 2024, seconded Mark Kidd. 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

-Sue Fournier introduced herself as Chairman of Mecosta County Republican Party. Sue has Trump and Moolenaar yard signs, if anyone would like one.

- Greg Laurent is Jim Doyle's neighbor to the North of Jim's parcel. He is in full support of Jim Doyle having an event venue on his property.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - None

7. New Business – None

8. Old Business

A. Pod/Containers – Pat Langworthy stated that we need to have an ordinance to regulate pod/containers. Currently pod/containers are considered sheds.

Pat Langworthy and Ken Draves have been appointed by Howard Bowersox to research the possibility of having a pod/container ordinance.

B. Zoning Map/Future Use Map – The commission has the latest update of proposed Zoning Map. The commission will review the map for any corrections and bring suggestions for the new Future Use Map to the August 1st meeting.

C. Event Venue – After much discussion of “Historic” barns the commission decided to send it back to the committee to clear up the language. Will discuss the committee's findings at the August 1st meeting.

9. Public Comment-

-Sue Fournier likes the “Historical” barn ordinance.

-Jim Doyle stated that Venues are often just a building and don't have to be a barn. Jim is improving the sound barrier with trees on his property line and hopes to put up a fence.

-Dominic Doyle stated that the commission is wrong in tying an event venue to agriculture.

-Ken Draves question why we don't have a short-term rental ordinance. Michele explained that the township does not have the police power to enforce a short-term rental ordinance. The township has many Airbnb's and they are usually policed by the owners.

10. Announcements – none

Adjournment – Mark Kidd made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., Second by Ken Draves . 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.