



Unapproved Minutes
Mecosta Township Board of Trustees
Special Joint Meeting with Board of Trustees and Planning Commission
August 26, 2024, 6 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Michele Graham.
2. Pledge to The Flag by all.
3. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan, Stephanie McNeal, Tyler Huntley, James Cain and Michele Graham were all present. All members of the Planning Commission were present. 12 public citizens were present.
4. Motion to approve agenda by H. Bowersox, second by P. Langworthy. 12 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.
5. Unfinished Business:

A. Proposed Barn Venue Ordinance:

Comments by PC Chair H. Bowersox: Began looking at an ordinance in January 2024 for Barn Venues and formed a committee to discuss and bring report to Board of Trustees.

Motion to approve adoption of Barn Event Venues dated June 13, 2024, by T. Huntley, second by M. Quinlan. Discussion. Roll call vote: Huntley, no; Quinlan, no; Cain, no; McNeal, no. Motion Defeated.

6. Public Comment: Dave Bennett – Year doesn't matter, aesthetic value doesn't matter, setbacks should be considered on a case-by-case basis. Darin Pritchard – a lot of venues in Amish community – how does that qualify? Does moving barn wood from one place to another count as old? Kenn Vredenburg – commercial property on Old State Road and 8 Mile and not too many people are going to working farms for events. John Boyd – thank you to the B of T and PC for all of their work on this project. Rex Dukes – his home was there first and this “garbage” is in his front yard. No one else would want it and we have no right to do it and he doesn't know why everyone is working to help him to have it.
7. Announcements/Correspondence
8. Motion to adjourn by M. Kidd, second by P. Langworthy. 12 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments shall be limited to three minutes during Public Comments. Anyone wishing to address the Board, shall first identify themselves for the record. All comments shall be addressed to the Supervisor/Chairman. Comments of a repetitious, or argumentative nature will not be allowed.