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**Unapproved Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Mecosta Township Planning Commission  
October 1, 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, Troy Beeney, James Cain. Absent Linda Bechaz. Also, present Michele Graham Zoning Administrator.
4. APPROVAL AGENDA  
Pat Langworthy made a motion to approve the agenda with the change of switching item #8 and item #9. And adding Open Meetings Act to #9 New Business. James James seconded. 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
James Cain made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes August 1, 2024, seconded Mark Kidd. 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. Old Business
  - A. Event Venue – Mark Kidd made a motion to submit the proposed Barn Event Venue to the Township Board for review with the to change the Purpose and Intent to: "The purpose of this special land use is to allow for the use of Barn Event Venues. Such buildings are a benefit to the Township in maintaining rural character and the agricultural tradition of the Township." Second by Pat Langworthy. Mark – yes, Pat – yes, James – yes, Howard – yes, Ken – no, Troy – yes. Motion carries.
  - B. Storage Containers – James Cain made a motion to submit the Storage Container ordinance to the Township Board with the change of add the zoning districts. Second by Mark Kidd. James – yes, Mark – yes, Pat – yes, Howard – yes, Ken – yes, Troy – yes. Motion carries.
9. New Business
  - A. Open Meetings Act. Howard presented information on the Open Meetings Act and request that Michele contact the attorney for his opinion regarding committee meetings being open to the public. Howard also asked the commission to review the paperwork for the next meeting.
10. Public Comment- None
11. Announcements  
Michele informed the commission of a zoning violation. She will do more research and bring it to next month's meeting.
12. Adjournment – Mark Kidd made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., Second by James Cain . 6 yeas 0 nays motion carried.