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Approved Minutes
Regular Meeting
Mecosta Township Planning Commission
December 2, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

1. Pledge:
2. Roll call: Present: Patricia Langworthy, Linda Bechaz, James Cain, Ken Draves, Mark Kidd, and Howard Bowersox, absent Troy Beeney. Also, present Greg Laurent Zoning Administrator and Nancy Sanchez Planning Commission Recording Secretary. There were two members of the public in attendance.
3. Approval of Agenda:
Mark Kidd moved to approve the agenda, seconded by James Cain. 6 Yeas 0 Nays, motion carried.
4. Approval of the minutes:
Mark Kidd moved to approve the minutes with changes, James Cain seconded. 6 Yeas 0 Nays motion carried.
5. Comments from the public and communication concerning matters not on the agenda. NONE
6. Public Hearing:
Move to open Public Hearing at 6:04 pm by Mark Kidd seconded by Linda Bechaz. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
 - A. Mecosta Township Recreation Plan 2026-2030
Howard Bowersox stated, Ken and Linda did an amazing amount of work. John Boyd made contact with the DNR and changes were made to better the opportunities for the community. All the work that was done did not change the actions, it broadened the goals and made it a better document to allow the Township to apply for grants. Mark Kidd moved to recommend the adoption of the Recreation Plan 2026-2030 to the township board for adoption. Seconded by Pat Langworthy. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
Move to close the public hearing at 6:10 pm by Mark Kidd seconded by Linda Bechaz. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
7. Old Business
 - A. Change of Minimum Square Footage for Homes in Mecosta Township. John Boyd provided a document to show what other Townships have for minimum square footage. The Planning Commission discussed the pros and cons of changing the minimum square footage. Ken Draves commented, that in the Zoning Ordinance under special use, there is information allowing in-law dwellings however, there is no minimum square footage listed for those. The Planning Commission asked Greg Laurent the Township Zoning Administrator to look into other Townships and County's to see what they are allowing for minimum square footage. Greg will report back at the next Planning Commission with his findings.
 - B. Master Plan:
The Planning Commission discussed moving the Master Plan to the Township Board to get bids to hire a consultant to help update the Master Plan. Mark Kidd moved seconded by Linda Bechaz. Vote: Pat Langworthy – abstain

Linda Bechaz – yes
Howard Bowersox – yes
James Cain – yes
Mark Kidd – yes
Ken Draves – yes

Motion carried.

8. New Business

A. Approval of the Planning Commission Meeting Dates for 2026

Changing August 4th to August 6th

Changing November 3rd to November 5th

James Cain moved to approved the Planning Commission Meeting dates with changes Mark Kidd seconded. 6 Yeas 0 Nays motion carried.

9. Public comments: Mary Quinlan, let the Planning Commission know that the rezoning for Mike Stegewans did pass at the Township Board of Trustees meeting on November 11th. Mary also stated that she voted no, however it did not mean that she didn't appreciate all the work the Planning Commission did on the request. She feels that there is enough commercial land for sale in the area. Mary again thanks the Planning Commission for their time and service.

10. Announcements: Greg Laurent the Township Zoning Administrator announced the first of November he completed the Citizen Planner for Spartyville with MTA. He also stated that he will be taking three more classes through MTA. Stephanie McNeal the Township Clerk was able to get a 50% discount on the classes. Howard asked if in the future, Stephanie could let the Planning Commission know of any discounts and can they get a link to MTA classes?

11. Adjournment, Mark Kidd moved adjourn James Cain seconded meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm 6 Yeas 0 Nays meeting adjourned

Nancy Sanchez

Deputy Clerk, Planning Commission Recording Secretary