

MINUTES
MECOSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Mecosta County Services Building
March 3, 2022

I. Roll Call

Chair, Ethan Ray called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Present for roll call were; Gary Lambrix, Glenn Norton, Bill Routley, Lorie Behrens, Bill Stanek, Michelle Stenger, Zoning Administrator, & Lisa Baker, Recording Secretary.

Richard Hatkowski was not present,

II. Matters Pertaining to the Public

1. Chair Ray asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Commission regarding any subject that wasn't on the agenda. There was no response.
2. Chair Ray then asked if there was anyone who wished to be on the next agenda. There was no response.

IV. Public Comment

Chair Ray asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to make comment. There was no response.

V. Public Hearings on the agenda

1. Special Use #PPC22-002 – Gregory/Kathleen Adams, 7850 21 Mile Rd, Ewart, Chippewa Township; Parcel #03 014 008 000. Property is zoned AG. Request to allow for agricultural tourism on the property, including winery, lite dining, small events/meetings/weddings.

Chair Ray read the request into the record. The applicant was present to speak in favor of the application.

- Gregory and Kathleen Adams were present.

There were no additional members present in favor or against the petition.

No one else to speak for or against the petition. Chair closed the public portion of the meeting and opened the floor to the Board for discussion and decision.

- No issues with request.
- Site very clean and presentable.
- Beautiful layout.
- They will have parking lot requirements when occupant load is determined.

- What will the hours be? Applicant's still deciding on that.
- Very nice place.
- Have no problems with the request.

After discussion and based on the findings of facts listed, a motion was made by Bill Stanek and supported by Gary Lambrix to approve Special Use #PPC22-002 – Gregory/Kathleen Adams, 7850 21 Mile Rd, Evart, Chippewa Township; Parcel #03 014 008 000. Property is zoned AG. Request to allow for agricultural tourism on the property, including winery, lite dining, small events/meetings/weddings. Parking area will be gravel and the ADA parking must be paved.

Roll Call Vote – 6 Yeas – 0 Nays

2. Special Use #PPC22-003 – Green Charter Township, 18820 190th Ave, Big Rapids, Green Township; Parcel #01 036 007 000. Property is zoned AF. Request to allow a wireless communication tower.

Chair Ray read the request into the record. The applicant was present to speak in favor of the application.

- Green Township Supervisor Jim Chapman was present.

Additional members in favor were area residents,

- Jim Peek Green Township Trustee was present- let the board know how much the internet tower is need in Green Township.
- Catherine and Michael Silvani Green Township residents said that it's very hard to do work or remote calls without having internet access in the area. Support the tower being put up in the area.

No one was present.

No one else to speak for or against the petition. Chair closed the public portion of the meeting and opened the floor to the Board for discussion and decision.

- Great location for the tower.
- The coverage of the tower would be about 6 miles.
- Casair has two towers in the area but they have minimal coverage.
- When will they be up and operable? As soon as the decision is made they are hoping it will be up by July this year.
- Applaud the township for recognizing the need for the tower.

After discussion and based on the findings of facts listed, a motion was made by Gary Lambrix and supported by Glenn Norton to approve Special Use #PPC22-003 – Green Charter Township, 18820 190th Ave, Big Rapids, Green Township; Parcel #01 036 007 000. Property is zoned AF. Request to allow a wireless communication tower.

Roll Call Vote – 6 Yeas – 0 Nays

VI. Business Session

Old Business

1. Review of Commercial Site Plan Process

Eliminate class A and make different categories and levels.

Michelle Stenger, Zoning Official will make recommended changes and bring back to the board at a later date for their review.

New Business-

1. Approval of Minutes

Gary Lambrix motioned to approve the February 3, 2022 minutes, supported by Glenn Norton and passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Baker / Recording Secretary

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Ethan Ray
Mecosta County Planning Commission

Date Approved