

**MINUTES  
MECOSTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mecosta County Services Building  
October 6, 2022

**I. Roll Call**

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

Gary Lambrix and Bill Routley were 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 #PPC22-038 – Eric/Renee Earle, 6679 20 Mile Rd, Ewart, Chippewa Township; Parcel #03 025 003 500. Property is zoned R-1. Special use request to allow for a home bake shop and store.

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

- Eric and Renee Earle were present.

Additional members in favor were: no one was present.

Those present to speak against were: 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.

- Looks fine, it's a nice site.

- Will be a good fit for the area.
- Everything looks fine.
- Agree it will be a good fit.
- See no issues with the request.

After discussion and based on the findings of facts listed, a motion was made by Lorie Behrens and supported by Bill Stanek to approve Special Use #PPC22-038 – Eric/Renee Earle, 6679 20 Mile Rd, Ewart, Chippewa Township; Parcel #03 025 003 500. Property is zoned R-1. Special use request to allow for a home bake shop and store.

Roll Call Vote – 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

2. Map Amendment Request #PPC22-039 – John & Mandy Strohkirch, 13617 High Sierra Pass, Big Rapids, Colfax Township; Parcel #06 030 001 700, 06 030 001 600. Property is zoned R-1. Request to rezone two parcels from R-1 to AG

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

- John Strohkirch was present.

Additional members in favor were; no one was present.

Those present to speak against were;

- Joe Strohkirch neighbor against changing the zoning.
- There is a contested easement on the property.

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.

- See no reason not to approve the request.
- In favor of changing because we also did the property next door.
- Property is agricultural in nature.
- We made the recommendation for the other neighboring parcels so we should do the same for these properties.
- See no issues with the request.

After discussion and based on the findings of facts listed, a motion was made by Bill Stanek and supported by Rick Hatkowski to recommend approval Map Amendment Request #PPC22-039 – John & Mandy Strohkirch, 13617 High Sierra Pass, Big Rapids, Colfax Township: Parcel #06 030 001 700, 06 030 001 600. Property is zoned R-1. Request to rezone two parcels from R-1 to AG

Roll Call Vote – 5 Yeas – 0 Nays

3. Special Use Request #PPC22-040 – Samuel/Anna Miller, 14938 5 Mile Rd, Morley, Deerfield Township; Parcel #14 003 010 000. Property is zoned AF. Special use request to expand existing shop on the property to an oversized accessory structure. Chair Ray read the request into the record. The applicant was present to speak in favor of the application.

- Samuel Miller was present.

Additional members in favor were; area residents,

- Joe Miller was in support of the request.

Those present to speak against were; 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.

- Property looks great. Fine with the request.
- Be an improvement.
- Great improvement to the property.
- No issues the request seems fine.

After discussion and based on the findings of facts listed, a motion was made by Lorie Behrens and supported by Bill Stanek to approve Special Use Request #PPC22-040 – Samuel/Anna Miller, 14938 5 Mile Rd, Morley, Deerfield Township; Parcel #14 003 010 000. Property is zoned AF. Special use request to expand existing shop on the property to an oversized accessory structure.

Roll Call Vote – 5 Yeas –0 Nays

## **VI. Business Session**

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

#### **1. Camping Permits**

Chippewa Township – Request to changing the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance.

Bryan Roels Chippewa Township Supervisor was present to present to the board about their concerns.

Board feels it would be very hard to police these concerns.

Daryl Buhmann, Chippewa Township resident, was present to voice his concerns.

Board feels it would be best to table until a later meeting so Michelle Stenger, Zoning Administrator can do some more research into the matter.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Rick Hatkowski motioned to approve the September1, 2022 minutes, supported by Glenn Norton and passed unanimously.

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Baker / Recording Secretary

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Ethan Ray  
Mecosta County Planning Commission

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Date Approved