

**MERRILL TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
1585 W. 11 MILE ROAD
BITELY, MICHIGAN 49309**



Minutes (Draft)
APRIL 18, 2024
7:00 PM

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER 7pm by: MARK BATES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: ALGER CLINE

ROLL CALL LED BY: ALGER CLINE

- ALGER CLINE: PRESENT
- BRIAN BORDEWYK: PRESENT
- VENOLA WALTON STANCIEL: PRESENT
- MARK BATES: PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MARK BATES OPENED

- MOTION TO APPROVE: BRIAN BORDEWYK
- MOTION 2ND: ALGER CLINE

MINUTES FROM MARCH MEETING APPROVED:

- MOTION TO APPROVE: VENOLA
- MOTION 2ND: ALGER CLINE

OPENING REMARKS: MARK BATES

- Introduced guest (Ryan Coffy)
- Introduced Administrator (Jeff Wroblewski)

NEW BUSINESS ALL

- Discussion of "Special Use Permits" for C & T Smith and M & R Conlon:
 - Discussion from board member Brian Bordewyk to encourage requesters to follow the elements of the Zoning document in preparation for the special meeting.
 - Indication was made to have documentation ready for next meeting May 16th and review for opportunity to issue "special use permit"
 - Jeff Wroblewski indicated that stop work was not necessary given guidance from Ryan Coffey
 - Brian Bordewyk encouraged C&T Smith and M&R Conlon to reach out to M-dot in obtaining direction as to road access requirements.
 - Mark Bates asked each to bring documentation showing Tax status and other business details.

- Approval of the Zoning Ordinance (Draft) to share with the Public and Post to newspaper communicating the updating:
 - Brian Bordewyk explained that the document content has not changed, only spelling issues, grammatical errors and references corrected. Table of contents added with title page.
 - Brian Bordewyk made the motion to approve, 2nd by Alger Cline
 - Mark Bates-Agreement
 - Brian Bordewyk-Agreement
 - Venola Walton-Stanciel – Agreement
 - Alger Cline -Agreement
 - Motion Carried
 - Document to be forwarded to Board

- Approval of document for Public Hearing notification June 20th, 7pm
 - Motion made by Venola and seconded by Alger
 - Motion Carried by unanimous vote
 - Document to be forwarded to Supervisor and Clerk to release to Newspaper for notification

PUBLIC COMMENT

- *Richard Hail: Remarks supporting local business.*
- *Mark Stockwell: Supports campers and limited guidelines.*
- *Catherine Berg: Supports campers and annual permits.*

FINAL REMARKS

MARK BATES

- Mark Bates indicated that he is stepping down effective immediately.
 - Thanked the community and commission for his time serving.
- Many kind remarks received from community to show Mark thanks for his service.

Meeting Adjourned- 8:15

MARK BATES