



**Planning Commission
June 5, 2023
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Makuski at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge.

Roll Call – Gillett, Hoffman, Makuski, Peel, and Post

Post motioned to approve the agenda. Gillett supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Gillett motioned to approve the minutes from May 8, 2023, as presented. Hoffman supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.

- 1. Public Hearing – Special Exception Use Application – Kent County Road Commission - Tower Pit Mining Operations** – Wayne Harrell introduced the project. The property was purchased by the county in the 1970's for mining and for future park land. Aggregate has doubled in cost. KCRC would like to mine locally to save taxpayers money. Mining would last for three months in 2024, for road work on Lincoln Lake north of M44. Mining equipment is portable, will be removed from site when the project is done. When mining is done the land will be turned over to Fallasburg Park. Kent County Parks will be responsible for reclamation plan to fit their needs.

Public Hearing opened at 7:08 p.m.

- Ron Dawson – 705 Montcalm – asked 1.) How many acres are involved – *WH - 5 acres*, 2.) Will they use the existing driveway – *WH – yes* 3.) Will it be a commercial mining company? *WH – it will go out to bid* 4.) Will trucks run on Montcalm? *WH – Trucks will run on county primaries only.*
- Scott Dykstra – 844 Montcalm – What time of day will mining take place? *WH – KCRC will abide by whatever restrictions are in place. Zoning Administrator Carrigan answered that the township zoning ordinance limits mining operations to 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.*
- Ron Bloom – 853 Montcalm – How long will mining be going on? *WH – 3 months*

Public Hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.

Gillett motioned to recommend to the township board to approve mining in the Tower pit subject to township lawyer and the county putting together a reclamation plan. Post supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.

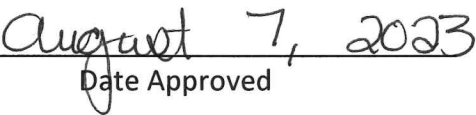
2. Special Exception Use Review – Harvest Meadows Phase 4 – Gillett motioned to recommend approval of the SEU Review to the township board, with the inclusion of the lighting and landscaping plans. Makuski supported the motion. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Public Comment – Ron Dawson – 705 Montcalm asked for clarification on the location of Harvest Meadows Phase 4.

The next meeting will be August 7, 2023.

Makuski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., and Gillett supported the motion. All members voted yes, motion carried, meeting adjourned.


Shantell Ford, Clerk


Date Approved