

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Unapproved Special Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2020

Members present: Chairman Hefferan, Cole, Merillat, Lefebvre , Ford and Kopkau
Member absent: Kingon.
Also present: Weinzapfel and 5 audience members.

Hefferan called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Hefferan said he called the meeting because the recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling has made the regular meeting of the planning commission scheduled for October 13th to be held via Zoom not possible.

Hefferan read the notice posted October 9th@2:00pm:

“Due to the Michigan Supreme Court overturning the Governors Executive Orders, electronic board meetings are no longer allowed under the Open Meetings Act, and due to the request by Milton Township legal to allow more time to review the most recent documentation submitted, please be advised of the following:

On Friday, October 9, 2020 @ 9:00 am, Milton Township Planning Commission will conduct a special meeting for the sole purpose to discuss and consider the cancellation of the scheduled Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 7:00 pm. This meeting was to be held via Zoom for the continuation of the public hearing on the proposed RV Park. This meeting will be held at the Old Milton Township Hall located at 7268 Cairn Hwy, Kewadin, MI (next to the Elk Lake Market).”

Public Comment:

Rebecca Milliken spoke in support of postponing the meeting.

Andy Blodgett, attorney representing the applicant, asked the planning commission to set a timeline for finishing the public hearing.

Commission Discussion:

Weinzapfel indicated that the cancellation of the meeting was recommended after consultation with the Township’s attorneys. The notice in the paper was for an online Zoom meeting.

Some discussion regarding when and where the commission could meet again and how other business of the planning commission gets done with the public hearing tabled. The commission will have to wait for more direction from the State of Michigan and the township’s attorneys.

Motion by Cole to cancel the October 13th Zoom meeting and reschedule when we get more information. Seconded by Ford.

Discussion of motion:

Hefferan suggested that the public hearing continuation be scheduled for a special meeting to

allow other planning commission matters to be handled at the regular monthly meetings.

Cole **amended his motion** to: cancel the October 13th Zoom meeting and reschedule *the public hearing on the Torch River RV Park as a special meeting* when we get more information.
Amendment agreed to by Ford.

Roll Call:

Kopkau: Yea.

Ford: Yea.

Lefebvre: Yea.

Cole: Yea.

Merillat: Yea.

Hefferan: Yea.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 9:17am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat