

## **MERCER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Mercer County Planning Commission met Thursday evening August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the Beulah Civic Center, Eslinger called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. C.T.

Members Present: Mike Eslinger, Chris Renner, Joey Neumiller, Gerald Bieber, Kevin Hafner

Members Absent: Jesse Schiferl, Casey Voigt, Shane Cole, Rick Bauman

Others Present: Jennifer M. Gooss (Donovan & Kaffer), Dan Arens (Hazen Star)

Motion by Neumiller, seconded by Hafner, to approve the agenda, all members present voted “aye”, motion passed. Motion by Renner, seconded by Bieber, to approve the minutes of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All members present voted “aye”, motion passed.

### **New Business**

There were no cases to present this month. A hard copy was handed to the board of the subdivision regulations and storm water chapter of the ordinance with questions/comments from the contractor. Jennifer Gooss, from Donovan & Kaffer Law was present to give the board an update on the ordinance rewrite. She mentioned that with the chapters being so intertwined it is taking longer than anticipated and that the Land Use Plan should have been redone first. Land Use Admin Neumiller mentioned it is in the budget to rewrite the Land Use Plan for next year. Gooss would like to see everything get approved at one time, the Land Use Plan and the Ordinances. She is thinking May next year. This will have to be taken to the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning and Zoning Board agreed that the time should be taken so everything is done correctly.

The board answered a few of Gooss’s questions on the ordinances such as who and what is handed out to the agencies, timelines & deadlines, park fees, free hand sketch for topo survey and soil percolation tests.

Renner made a motion for the Board of County Commissioners to revisit the contract with Donovan & Kaffer and to amend it to include the Land Use Plan and revisit the finances. Neumiller seconded. All board members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Renner, seconded by Neumiller. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

APPROVED:  
Jen Neumiller, Secretary

ATTEST:  
Mike Eslinger, Chairman