

# **Maple Grove Township Planning Commission**

**17010 Lincoln Rd**

**New Lothrop**

**Minutes**

**April 9, 2025 7:00pm**

I. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Scott Wendling called the meeting to order at 7pm

II. **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Marc Ebenhoeh, Scott Wendling, Brian Wendling, Ray Birchmeier, William Turnwald - All present

III. **Reports:**

Zoning Administrator Kirk Yaros spoke on storage pods, large animal concerns, and more. More details to follow.

IV. **New Business:**

The future land use map and master plan was discussed. Brian Wendling made a motion to move it to the township board. Supported by Bill Turnwald and motion passed. Talked of a timeline for adoption, pending board approval. Projected to be in August.

V. **Public Comment:**

Brian Wendling made a motion to open public hearing on special use permit for 5251 Chesaning Rd, Parcel # 20-09-4-08-1004-000. That motion was supported by Ray Birchmeier and motion passed. The SUP (special use permit) was made by Brandon Nixon. He spoke on his proposed business and how it would be run. Numerous residents were in attendance, with comments for and against the business in their neighborhood. The biggest complaint appeared to be about the possible parking on the road, needing to get in and out of his driveway. Also, the additional traffic and possible odor from the hides, as well as, scavenger type animals.

Motion made by Ray Birchmeier and supported by Brian Wendling to close public hearing on SUP. Motion passed. Brian Wendling asked Mr. Nixon to supply additional information on the layout of Lot, Lot lines, etc. To be provided for the May 14th, 2025 special meeting. This meeting will be to review and discuss any additional information on the SUP request.

The Planning Commission also went over Zoning Administrator request for Civil Infraction Ordinance violations. This issue will be discussed at a later date in more detail.

VI. **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Ray Birchmeier, supported by Brian Wendling.  
Adjourned at 8:45pm.

Prepared and submitted by

Marc Ebenhoeh  
Maple Grove Township, Trustee