

**MINUTES  
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Big Rapids Township Hall, 14212 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman, Shane called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Rapids Township Hall.
- II. ROLL CALL: Present:** Jim Shane, Lisa Davidson, Linda Osborn, Shirley Fitzgerald, Mike Hults and Philip Keating; **Absent:** Glenn Patrick. The record shows a quorum present. Also present: Maxine McClelland, Zoning Administrator and Mae Emerson, Recording Secretary.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- Minutes – May 19, 2009  
M. Hults moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2009 as submitted, seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Minutes carried unanimously with five yeas: Jim Shane, Lisa Davidson, Linda Osborn, Shirley Fitzgerald, Mike Hults and Philip Keating.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None
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- VII. SITE PLAN REVIEW:** None
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- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:**
- Mecosta Township Notice of Draft Land Use Plan  
Copies of the letter advising Big Rapids Township that Mecosta Township was beginning work on a Land Use Plan were received and placed on file
  - WMRPC Response to USDA Grant Application  
A copy of a letter of stating West Michigan Regional Planning Commission had completed their review of the township's USDA Grant Application with attachment of support from Bill Mrdeza of the MED was reviewed and placed on record
- IX. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**
- Michigan Works Relocation  
Board members were informed that Gary Gerber has purchased the former Casa Nova (Big Rapids Bowl) Bowling Lanes. Mr. Gerber has plans to lease the building to Michigan Works, who will relocate all their existing office facilities to the site.
- X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- Deed Restrictions Industrial Park

Board members reviewed work on revisions of industrial park restrictions. Discussion was heard regarding the importance of modifying the restrictions prior to any additional land purchases. The restrictions are being modified to remove duplication of Zoning Ordinance requirements and modernize their content.

M. Hults moved the Zoning Board recommend adoption of revised restrictive covenants for the Big Rapids Airport Business Park and that they be forwarded to the Township Board and other owners for comment and approval; seconded by L. Osborn; motion carried unanimously with six yeas: Jim Shane, Lisa Davidson, Linda Osborn, Shirley Fitzgerald, Mike Hults and Philip Keating.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

As no further business was before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held July 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the Zoning Board Minutes of June 16, 2009 by: ; Seconded by: .  
ROLL CALL VOTE: .

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