

RV Park Update 10-17-2023

As some of you may be aware, a proposal was presented to the Morton Township Planning Commission last Wednesday (10/11/2023) that is seeking to build an RV Park at the corner of St. Ives Drive & 105th Avenue, at the corner of the entrance to the Boat Launch on the South end of Lake Mecosta. Very little detail is known at this time as the consulting firm representing the owner presented a 'vision' with more detail, including a Site Plan to come later. But what is known from the presentation is that the development will be on 45 acres, and they are requesting the Township ordinance of 3 camp sites per acre be increased to 12-15 sites per acre. They are proposing some common areas within the development such as a pool, pickleball court, etc., but even with areas set aside for those, we can expect the number of sites to be in the hundreds.

Concerned citizens of Morton Township are AGAINST this proposed development given its significant impact to the Tri-Lakes, Canadian Lakes, School Section Lake, and the Little Muskegon River. Obviously, given the proposed location, it impacts the Tri-Lakes, the Valley Court area of Canadian Lakes (right across the street from the proposed development), and those who live on/near the Little Muskegon River, but this really impacts the whole of Morton Township.

Many attended the last Planning Commission meeting and intend to continue to do so whenever this topic is on the agenda. It is not a coincidence that they have come forward with this proposal at the end of our Summer Season when many seasonal residents are away from the area. But this is the time to let democracy work! Your voices need to be heard!

If this is the first you've heard of this proposal, you can find the actual proposal submitted to the township on their website: [Microsoft Word - REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION 10 11 2023 \(mortontownship.org\)](#)

You can also update yourself with the minutes from the Planning Commission as well as see coming agendas and future minutes:

[Agendas and Minutes – Morton Township](#)

Scroll down to 'Planning Commission'

Click on 'Meeting Minutes 2023' or 'Meeting Minutes 2024' and you'll see agenda and minutes for every meeting.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Keep yourself updated on this topic through the links above.
- Tell your neighbors and get them involved! Given the timing of the developer's proposal (late September), many may not know of this proposed project.
- Let your voice be heard. Attend the Planning Commission meetings in person. The next one is tomorrow, October 18, 5:30PM at the Township Hall. If you can't let your voice be heard in person, contact the Planning Commission members directly using a special email address set up because of the large number of anticipated communications about this issue: planningcommission@mortontownship.org.
- Be ready... At some point in this journey, you may be asked to sign a petition and/or donate funds to hire an attorney.