

RV Park Update 2-7-2024

The Developer has officially submitted the application to Morton Township for the “Campground and RV Park.” A copy of the material has been obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. You will find the documents on the RV Park Updates page of our MTRFRD.org website.

Some key points from the application:

- They are asking that the 5 parcels be rezoned to ‘Campground’.
- Site plan shows 246 sites, with either crushed stone or concrete pads, 19 foot wide, 50 foot deep.
- Half of the sites are to be ‘Seasonal’ and the other half ‘Transient.’
- ‘Family Friendly Amenities’ – dog friendly area, outdoor pool and hot tub, BBQ/picnic pavilion, playground, miniature golf, jump pillow, pickleball courts, bocce ball and a communal lawn.
- 7000 sq foot main clubhouse that will contain administrative offices, guest services, restaurant/lounge, video arcade, retail goods, children’s activities, restrooms w/ showers and laundry.
- One single entry off 105th St. A second gated access point on Lake Drive is designated for Emergency entry/exit.
- There will be no auxiliary parking within the “park” for storage of boats and trailers.
- Current Township zoning ordinance for campground designation allows from 3-5 sites/acre (3 for modern campgrounds, 5 for rustic campgrounds). The development, as submitted, has over 9 sites/acre. A request for increased camp site density is not in this application, but it is assumed that the request for deviation will come later.

The review of the application will be done at the regularly scheduled Morton Township Planning Commission meeting on February 21st, at 5:30PM. Anticipating the large crowd, the meeting location has moved to Mecosta Elementary School, 555 W. Main St., Mecosta, MI. 49332.

After reviewing the law on the Open Meetings Act, it is possible for the Township to hold these meeting via Zoom so the public can participate remotely. The Township was asked if they would hold this meeting via Zoom, and/or record it, and they have declined.....

If you can make the meeting in person, PLEASE ATTEND.

It is not expected that any decision will come out of this meeting, but it will provide a guide as to what happens next. ***Your opposition needs to continue.*** What will be key is understanding the process and timing for the disposition of the application.

Given that this development affects all of Morton Township, including Tri-Lakes, Canadian Lakes, School Section Lake, and those who live on or near the Little Muskegon River, the following steps are being taken:

- Fundraising will commence, through the newly formed organization: Morton Township Residents for Responsible Development. Website: www.MTRFRD.LLC.ORG. Please join and support this new organization.
- An attorney has been retained.

Please continue to send your email opposition directly to the Morton Township Planning Commission: planningcommission@mortontownship.org.

Thank you!