

APPROVED

**Eveline Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
Hungry Ducks Farm
4580 N M-66 - Charlevoix, MI 49720
September 10, 2021
4:30 P.M.**

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Chairman Kelly McGinn at Hungry Ducks Farm.
Commissioners present: Kelly McGinn, Eric Beishlag, Lorraine Sims, Gary Albring and Prudence Kurtz. Recording Secretary Sandi Whiteford, Planner John Iacoangeli from Beckett and Raeder and Zoning Administrator Deb Graber, were also present.
- 2) **Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner Beishlag, supported by Commissioner Kurtz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 3) **Public Comment:** No comments presented.
- 4) **Hungry Ducks Farm Tour:** Richard Mueller began the tour in the gift shop and proceeded through the Children’s Museum that houses a variety of model trains and toys of years past. Proceeded to the Pavilion and carousel which was running. John Iacoangeli brought a decibel meter and measured the sound at 56 decibels which he compared to a reading of 80 decibels at roadside of M-66. Planner, John Iacoangeli stated that residential acceptable levels are 65. The tour proceeded to the barn intended to hold a variety of birds followed by the big barn which has been restored currently holding antique tools. Proceeding through to the petting barn and pens then to the fish pond and ducks. Followed up with a “hayride” around the outside of the property.
- 5) **Public Comment:** Nancy Ferguson explained that she used to run a riding stable from the farm. Expressed concern over an amusement or theme park. Richard Mueller stated that unique features are a draw. Discussed possibility of future food truck(s) at least a few years in the future but stated that currently it would be vending machines.
- 6) **Commissioner Comments:** Commissioners discussed the options of a special use permit, “operational creep” and the option to reassess operations in the future. Deliberations will be held at the October 6, 2021 regular Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.
- 7) **Adjournment:** Chairman McGinn declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Whiteford

Recording Secretary