

**MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
AGENDA and MINUTES**

PUBLIC HEARING  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 24, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR:** *May 24, 2016 Regular Meeting*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:** *April 26, 2016 Regular/Public Hearing Meeting*

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1) *Proposed text for Agricultural Tourism – TXT# 01-16*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

*No new business*

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** BOB HANVEY  
LARRY GRUNN, CHAIR  
CHERYL RANGE, SECRETARY  
BRUCE POWELSON, VICE CHAIR  
CLAIRE STEVENS

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE

**OTHERS PRESENT:** ANNETTE MCNAMARA, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Larry Grunn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Cheryl Range motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Claire Stevens seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

**INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**

The members of the Planning Commission introduced themselves. All were present.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Larry Grunn opened the call to the public. No response. Larry Grunn closed the call to the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 26, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Cheryl Range motioned to approve the April 26, 2016 minutes as amended. Bob Hanvey seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Larry Grunn opened the public hearing for the proposed text of # 01-16 Agricultural Tourism/Farm amendments. Bruce Powleson noted a typo on page one.

No comments were made by the public.

Larry Grunn closed the public hearing for the proposed text of # 01-16 Agricultural Tourism/Farm amendments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposed text amendment # 01-16 Agricultural Tourism/Farm amendments**

The Planning Commission members agreed to the following amendments to the text.

- Page 9 of 10 – sub-section B #'s 7 & 8 should be labeled as a. & b. The remaining items to be numbered accordingly
- Page 9 of 10 – sub-section B #10 – delete in its entirety

- Page 9 of 10 – sub-section B #11 to read – Public/Private Events: An applicant who desires to host these events shall indicate as such in their application. They shall indicate the types of events, the frequency and number per year, the number of persons expected, the hours and other information as required by the Planning Commission for the understanding of the request.
- Page 9 of 10 – Subsection B #12 – to read – Approval. The Township Board shall approve a facility’s ability to host events when the applicant has demonstrated the largest event desired by the facility can be handled without significant adverse impacts to adjacent neighbors or Township facilities and services or otherwise creating a detriment to public health, safety, or welfare.
- Page 10 of 10 – sub-section C #12 to read – All submittals may be reviewed by the following, including but not limited to; Township’s attorney, planner engineer, Howell Area Fire Authority, Livingston County Sheriff Department, Livingston County Building Department, Livingston County Drain Commissioner, Livingston County Environmental Health Department, Livingston County Road Commission, State agencies before a final site plan may be recommended for approval, approval with conditions, or denial by the Planning Commission.

John Cheyne, 5000 Jewel Road; asked if the language should include, as the Special Event General Ordinance, an indemnification agreement & an insurance policy naming Marion Township as additional insured for one million dollars. Bob Hanvey said that would be a question for the attorney.

Cheryl Range motioned to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments #01-16 that are related to farming & agricultural tourism, to be sent to the Livingston County Department of Planning for review and comments. If no significant comments are made the Zoning Administrator is to forward the proposed amendments to the Board of Trustees for final approval and/or denial. Bruce Powelson seconded.

**Motion Carried 5-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Larry Grunn opened the call to the public.

Scott Lloyd, 5117 Pingree Road, what does Agricultural Tourism have to do with weddings?

Bob Hanvey answered, to let their guests, friends & family know that they promote community agricultural and rural lifestyle, also to convey they want a wedding held at a rural setting.

Claire Stevens agreed with Bob and added that it’s good for the local economy and brings people to Marion Township.

Larry Grunn closed the call to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Cheryl Range motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Claire Stevens seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**