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**MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA & MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING
August 23, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR:
Meeting**

August 23, 2016 Regular

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: July 26, 2016 Regular

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Review & update of Master Plan
- 2) TXT#03-16 proposed amendment Section 6.11 C #'s 1 – 5

Amendment to Special Events General Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS:

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes

Approved by: _____
Larry Grunn, Chair

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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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

The members of the Planning Commission introduced themselves.

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

July 26, 2016 Regular Meeting

Cheryl Range motioned to approve the July 26, 2016 minutes. Claire Stevens seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Review & update of Master Plan

Bob Hanvey asked that we go through each goal in Chapter Seven and determine if the goals and objectives were met.

Claire Stevens asked if these goals and objectives were based on a survey of township residents.

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Bob Hanvey answered yes.

The discussion turned to how to gain input from the public and how to get information out to the public. Social media is one way. Another is the Marion Township website.

Some additional suggestions from the Planning Commission members were as follows.

- Send a post card with five to six questions as to whether the public would consider taking a survey and what method they would prefer
- Hard copy questionnaire or Survey Monkey questionnaire
- Using photos depicting rural character as opposed to choosing a density per acre
- Attend Home Owner Associations meetings to make residents aware of the Master Plan update and ask for public participation
- Survey questions can be if residents feel a need for more commercial businesses in Marion Township
- Would residents support a millage for Parks/walking paths

The Goals and Objectives would change based on the response to the questionnaire.

John Enos will send examples of Survey Monkey questionnaires used in other communities. Planning Commission members will send examples of questions for the survey.

Cheryl Range motioned to postpone this agenda item until the September 27, 2016. Claire Stevens seconded.
Motion Carried 5-0.

Consider Zoning Board of Appeals request to amend Section 6.11 C #'s 1 – 5

Section 6.11 C makes reference the effective date of this ordinance. Bob Hanvey questioned whether the language should clarify that this refers to a parent parcel in existence when the Zoning Ordinance was adopted. The Zoning Ordinance was adopted in 1996.

John Enos felt that is what the language implies.

Bob Hanvey says should be explicit, not implied.

There was discussion on whether flag lots should be eliminated, if flag lots are restricted to parent parcels as of the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance, which would limit the number of flag lots.

Bob Hanvey motioned to hold a public hearing on September 27, 2016 meeting for the proposed amendments to Section 6.11 C #'s 1 thru 5. Cheryl Range seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Special Events General Ordinance

The Board of Trustees has made a request for the Planning Commission to recommend amendments the current General Ordinance to accommodate private events.

The Planning Commission members reviewed the proposed changes and were satisfied.

Cheryl Range motioned to forward the proposed amendments the Board of Trustees. Bruce Powelson seconded.
Motion Carried 5-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Larry Grunn opened the call to the public.

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No response.

Larry Grunn closed the call to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Range motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Bruce Powelson seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**