

**MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

REGULAR MEETING  
January 24, 2017  
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR: *January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: *December 28, 2016 Special Meeting*

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) *Proposed amendments to TXT# 04-16 Section 6.11 Flag Lots – Board of Trustees sent back to Planning Commission due to Livingston County Department of Planning comments*
- 2) *Proposed rezoning – Harger Cemetery – 3514 Pinckney Road – Tax ID#4710-23-200-007 From Rural Residential to Public Land – Housekeeping – set public hearing*

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) *Proposed text amendment – Section 6.20 Private Roads – remove all reference to Marion Township Engineering Standards*
- 2) *Proposed text amendment TXT# 01-17 Section 6.07 Accessory uses & Structures – remove setback requirement for structures 200 s.f. and under*
- 3) *Annual Organizational Meeting*

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

Minutes

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Grunn, Chair

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 24, 2017  
7:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** LARRY GRUNN, CHAIR  
BOB HANVEY  
BRUCE POWELSON, VICE CHAIR

CHERYL RANGE, SECRETARY  
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**

Bob Harvey motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Bruce Powelson 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**

**December 28, 2016 Special Meeting**

Cheryl Range motioned to approve the December 28, 2017 minutes. Claire Stevens seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposed amendments to TXT# 04-16 Section 6.11 Flag Lots – Board of Trustees sent back to Planning Commission due to Livingston County Department of Planning comments**

The Livingston County Department of Planning staff review noted that by including a minimum length for a flag pole Marion Township would be creating non-conforming parcels. This concerned the Board of Trustees, they would like the Planning Commission to revisit the proposed amendment.

Annette provided the Planning Commission members with the number of flag lots in Marion Township and the length. The average length of a flag pole is 450'. If a minimum length of 200' is adopted, there would be approximately twelve non-conforming lots.

The Planning Commission members didn't think twelve non-conforming lots was too many.

Cheryl Range motioned to hold a public hearing for this agenda item at the February 28, 2017 meeting. Claire Stevens seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

**Proposed rezoning – Harger Cemetery – 3514 Pinckney Road – Tax ID#4710-23-200-007 From Rural Residential to Public Land – Housekeeping – set public hearing**

This rezoning needs a public hearing.

Cheryl Range motioned to hold a public hearing for this agenda item at the February 28, 2017 meeting. Bruce Powelson seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Proposed text amendment – Section 6.20 Private Roads – remove all reference to Marion Township Engineering Standards**

There are no Marion Township Engineering Standards. Marion Township relies on the Livingston County Road Commission standards. Changes have been made to the text to reflect this and other amendments.

The Planning Commission members are satisfied with the amendments.

Cheryl Range motioned to hold a public hearing for this agenda item at the February 28, 2017 meeting. Bob Harvey seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

#### **Proposed text amendment TXT# 01-17 Section 6.07 Accessory uses & Structures – remove setback requirement for structures 200 s.f. and under**

The Board of Trustees has asked the Planning Commission members to remove the setback requirements for sheds 200 s.f. and under.

The Planning Commission members are satisfied with the amendments.

Bob Harvey motioned to hold a public hearing for this agenda item at the February 28, 2017 meeting. Bruce Powelson seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

### **Annual Organizational Meeting**

Cheryl Range nominated Larry Grunn for Planning Commission Chair. Bruce Powelson seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Bob Harvey nominated Bruce Powelson for Planning Commission Vice-Chair. Cheryl Range seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Bob Harvey nominated Cheryl Range for Planning Commission Secretary. Bruce Powelson seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Larry Grunn opened the call to the public.

Les Andersen, 4500 Jewell Road, asked John Enos to comment on easements vs. private roads.

John Enos said that some communities allow access via easements. If more than two home access via an easement then a road must be built. Townships can limit the number of parcels accessed via an easement to four or less.

Larry Grunn closed the call to the public.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Cheryl Range motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Claire Stevens seconded. **Motion Carried 5-0.**