

**MARION TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2023 / 7:30PM**

PC MEMBERS PRESENT: LARRY GRUNN - *CHAIRPERSON*
JIM ANDERSON - *VICE CHAIRPERSON*
CHERYL RANGE - *SECRETARY*
BOB HANVEY
BRUCE POWELSON

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVID HAMANN - *MARION TWP. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR*

MEMBERS ABSENT: JOHN ENOS - *PLANNER W/ CARLISLE WORTMAN*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bruce Powelson made a motion to approve the July 25, 2023 agenda as presented. Jim Anderson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Anderson made a motion to approve the June 27, 2023 Planning Commission minutes. Cheryl Range seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

CALL TO PUBLIC

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPR# 01-23 REVIEW SITE PLAN FOR THE BUILDING REMODEL BUMP OUT AND OVERHANG

Joe Chidister with Schafer Construction explained the plans for the bump out and overhang renovations. Dave Hamann explained that this is simply a formality and some of the Board members wanted the Planning Commission to provide a recommendation on this part of the renovations.

Bob Hanvey made a motion to recommend approval to the Township Board of Trustees for the bump out and overhang renovations. Jim Anderson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

GO# 01-23 CONTINUE PDR ORDINANCE

Jim Anderson explained that all of the changes from Cheryl Range, Bruce Powelson, Dave Hamann and the June 2023 Planning Commission Minutes, have been made.

John Enos believes this is a good ordinance and that it is ready to go to the Board for review and comment.

Bruce Powelson had some additional changes to the ordinance. Jim Anderson made those changes during the meeting. One of the changes suggested by Bruce was to change the time limit from "50 years" to "in perpetuity".

The Commissioners voted and three Commissioners were in favor of this change and two did not wish to change the existing "50 year" time limit. Majority rules and the time limit was changed to "in perpetuity".

John Enos stated that this ordinance should first get sent to the Township Board of Trustees, then sent to Sara Thomas for her comment and feedback and then sent to the Township Attorney.

Bruce Powelson made motion to recommend approval for GO# 01-23 PDR Ordinance, to the Township Board of Trustees. Bob Hanvey seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

Rob Stafford was in attendance online and made a comment about the ordinance and expressed that he would like Sara Thomas to have the opportunity to review the ordinance once the Board has provided their feedback.

CRYPTO ORDINANCE DATA PROCESSING INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Bruce Powelson suggested waiting until the next meeting to discuss this ordinance, so they have a chance to review the document that was provided at the beginning of the meeting.

Dave Hamann explained that this draft contains all of the changes that have previously been discussed.

Cheryl Range made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Crypto Ordinance on August 22, 2023 at 7:30pm. Jim Anderson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

TXT# 02-19 SIGNS FOR HOME OCCUPATIONS

Dave Hamann explained that all of the changes previously discussed have been made to this ordinance.

Cheryl Range made motion to recommend approval for TXT# 02-19 Signs for Home Occupations, to the Township Board of Trustees. Bruce Powelson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

SPECIAL ORDERS

John Enos discussed Carlisle Wortman's future plans with Marion Township. John's hope is to have Zach Michels act as an outside consultant for Marion Township. Zach would attend future Planning Commission meetings and provide guidance and feedback on any necessary items, only involving Carlisle Wortman as needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheryl Range inquired about Bob's handout from the previous meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Les Andersen made a comment about DTE and their desire/intentions to support land owners with an interest in solar farms. Les also mentioned the possibility of going with a metal roof for the Township building, since the insurance company is going to be providing \$100,000 for replacement. (Due to the recent hail damage.)

ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Powelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Larry Grunn seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**