

Approved by: _____
Larry Grunn, Chairperson

Date: _____

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**MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
IN-PERSON / VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 / 7:30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: LARRY GRUNN – CHAIRPERSON *(In-Person)*
JAMES ANDERSON – VICE CHAIR *(In-Person)*
CHERYL RANGE – SECRETARY *(In-Person)*
BOB HANVEY – *(In-Person)*
BRUCE POWELSON – *(In-Person)*

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE HAMANN – ZONING ADMINISTRATOR *(In-Person)*

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
Bruce Powelson made a motion to approve the agenda for the September 28, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. Cheryl Range seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 24, 2021 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Cheryl Range made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Jim Anderson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:
NONE

PUBLIC HEARING:
MASTER PLAN FINAL
John Enos discussed the updates for the Master Plan. We received over 700 responses from Marion Township residents. Residents really seem to be interested in a rural character neighborhood, preserving more open space and developing more trails and walkways.
There are still some updates that need to be made on the Master Plan, such as on page 21, Item 2 Environmental Concerns; remove "Underground Storage Leaking".
Jim Anderson made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees to adopt the 2021 Master Plan, along with all of the changes from Dave, Jessica and the Livingston County Planning Commission members. Bruce Powelson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. PR# 01-21 RAY WARD EXTENSION OF JESSE DRIVE FINAL REVIEW

Ray Ward explained he believes that they have completed everything that has been asked of them by the Township. Dave said that during the meeting on May 25th, there were some open items that needed to be addressed and have since been resolved.

Jim Anderson asked if Phil Westmorland was comfortable with the cul-de-sac radius. Dave Hamann replied, "yes".

Jim Anderson made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees for the extension of Jesse Drive. Larry Grunn seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON HOBBY KENNELS

Dave Hamann explained that we need to make our ordinance related to animals a General Ordinance. Simply just require the applicant to get a SUP and a permit from the County. Jason McKinley resides in Marion Township and made some suggestions about Hobby Kennels. John Enos is going to meet/talk with Dave and our Attorney about this and bring something back to the next meeting.

3. REVIEW ISSUES WITH 17.32 HOME-BASED BUSINESS

Dave explained that Les is trying to say that any legal non-confirming lots should never be able to operate a business from their home. Tim Ryan made some comments over zoom, related to this topic. Dave Haman is going to talk with John Gormley about this and continue discussion at the next meeting.

4. ADD DEFFINITION FOR RURAL

John Enos said that Marion is not an enforcing body. Dave explained that we have to differentiate between Rural and Suburban. Jim Anderson suggested that we come up with a definition for each district. John Enos said that if we create definitions and a purpose for each district that should clear up some of the confusion with some of the residents.

Cheryl Range made a motion to postpone further discussion on Rural definitions until the next Planning Commission meeting. Bruce Powelson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Jim Anderson said that Genoa is interested in purchasing 90 acres for a new park. They are interested in starting a seed orchard. Jim said that if we have any State land within the Township, we need to make sure that it is listed as such so no one can try to purchase it in an auction.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Tim Ryan thanked John Enos and the Commissioners for all their hard work on the Master Plan and all the other Planning related items.

ADJOURNMENT: Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm. Cheryl Range seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**