

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Les Andersen, Tammy Beal, Greg Durbin, Sandra Donovan, Dan Lowe, and Bob Hanvey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Lloyd

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley - Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Les Andersen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the consent agenda. Les Andersen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. MITCH HARRIS REZONING

Mitch Harris was not present for the meeting. Dan Lowe discussed his concerns regarding the distance between the easement and the road. Attorney recommended that this be sent back to the Planning Commission so they can address the documented concerns. The Planning Commission should follow the Township Master Plan when making decisions involving rezoning.

Les Andersen made a motion to send the Mitch Harris rezoning application back to the Planning Commission so they can address the comments made by the attorney in *SECTION 1.05 / #2 / A-E*. Dan Lowe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

Les Andersen suggested inviting the attorney to the next Planning Commission meeting, to assist the Commissioners with the Mitch Harris rezoning application along with some other unresolved matters.

4. SEWER MANHOLE INSPECTIONS

Bob Hanvey stated that there was nothing to discuss at this time.

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5. PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE

Bob Harvey asked the attorney some questions about his review letter. Les Andersen inquired about potential grants and federal funding that might be available for PDR's.

Les Andersen made a motion to incorporate the attorney's comments and bring the updated language back to the next Board meeting. Greg Durbin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. PLANNING CONSULTANT PROPOSED AGREEMENTS

Zach Michels introduced himself to the Board. Les Andersen asked if the Township would still be under Carlisle Wortman's umbrella. Bob Harvey explained that it doesn't sound like Carlisle Wortman has the staff to accommodate the Township's needs.

Tammy made a motion to accept Carlisle Wortman's proposal. Sandra Donovan seconded. **ROLL CALL: Dan Lowe: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Bob Harvey: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Sandra Donovan: yes. 6-0 MOTION CARRIED**

Tammy made a motion to accept Zach Michels proposal to be the new consultant for the Planning Commission. Sandra Donovan seconded. **ROLL CALL: Les Andersen: yes; Sandra Donovan: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Bob Harvey: yes; Dan Lowe: yes. 6-0 MOTION CARRIED**

7. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

None

8. MARION TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE

a. *September 20, 2023 Building Meeting Minutes*

Tammy Beal said that the meeting minutes are in the packet.

b. *Firehall Doors*

Dan expressed his concern about the cost of the Fire Station's new bay doors.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Bob Harvey provided an update with the ongoing wedding barn case. As of right now, the due process count is pending.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Les Andersen asked if home-based business applicants have to sign a contract, so things do not end up getting out of control.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

Submitted by: J. Timberlake

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk

Date

Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor

Date