

MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MASTER PLAN MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2019 / 7:30PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: LARRY GRUNN – *CHAIRPERSON*
BOB HANVEY
BRUCE POWELSON – *VICE CHAIR*
CHERYL RANGE – *SECRETARY*
JAMES ANDERSON

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE HAMANN – ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN ENOS – CARLISLE WORTMAN

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Special Meeting Agenda for April 29, 2019

Chery Range motioned to approve the agenda for the April 29, 2019 Special Master Plan meeting. Jim Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Master Plan Draft Presented by John Enos with Carlisle Wortman

John Enos explained that this Master Plan was an update, not a complete overhaul. Once reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission, then it would be presented to the Board of Trustees and then a notice would be sent out to the neighbors in the community and the County of an intent to plan. John said that he would draft this letter up for us to send to the community. The neighbors and community would then have 63 days to respond with comments or concerns. The Planning Commission then has the option of implementing

those comments if they choose to. The Planning Commission is who adopts the final Master Plan; Not the Board.

Les Anderson resides at 4500 Jewel Road. Les asked if the Master Plan becomes expired if not updated and approved every five years like required.

John said that he has a hard time seeing a court throwing out our ordinances because of this technicality. John also said that the Board can give advisory language for the Master Plan but only the Planning Commission can adopt it.

Cheryl Range said that they have been working on this for years now.

John said that the surveys that we got back about the Master Plan were very helpful and useful in putting this updated Master Plan together. The common view from the surveys was to limit the density of new homes in the Township because they don't want anyone else moving in. There was also some interest in solar panels on large acre parcels.

Bob said that he would like to think about adding or preserving more open farm land. Bob thinks that some sections need to be tweaked in the updated Master Plan.

John said that our Master Plan sets guidelines for our Zoning Department. He recommends some trails along D19 and also to list some of the Capital Improvements for the Township. Such as any significant expenditures in the upcoming five years.

John said he will change some of the wording that talks about expansion.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Les Andersen asked if Zoning would not allow anything smaller than ten acres. John said that he would have a hard time defending that.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bruce Powelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. Jim Anderson seconded. **Motion carried.**