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Larry Grunn, Chairperson

Date: _____

MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2022 / 7:30PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE HAMANN – *ZONING ADMINISTRATOR*

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 22, 2022

Jim Anderson motioned to approve the agenda for the March 22, 2022 Planning Commission agenda. Bruce Powelson seconded. ***MOTION CARRIED***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2022

Bruce Powelson clarified that, on the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes, Jim Anderson should be listed as the Vice-Chair and not himself.

Bruce Powelson motioned to approve the minutes for the February 22, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting. Jim Anderson seconded. ***MOTION CARRIED***

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Sandra Donovan is a resident and Treasurer of Marion Township. Sandra shared her observations about the Planning Commission meetings and stated that the Planning Commission meetings are stuck in the spin-cycle and NO decisions are being made. Sandra feels that the Commissioners rely too much on the Township Planner. Sandra has been the Marion Township Treasurer for the past 17 months.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW OF MARION OAKS CLUB HOUSE SITE PLAN

Sara Kunde with Capital Construction discussed the plans for the Marion Oaks Club House Site Plan. The Club House will have a kitchen, conference room, a pool, a play area and a soccer field. Dave Hamann explained that these things were pre-determined back in 2007 and that this was in the consent judgement. Sara asked for any comments or suggestions before they get another draft created. Jim Anderson asked about lighting, the posted hours, screening, etc. Larry Grunn asked about the parking overflow and Dave stated that the consent judgement showed about 50 or so spaces. Bob Hanvey asked if we could combine the pre-liminary with the final site plan and Dave said yes because there isn't too much complexity to this.

NEW BUSINESS:

2) APRIL 26 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – MTA CONFERENCE

The Planning Commission meeting on April 26, 2022 was cancelled due to the MTA conference being held that same week. The meeting was re-scheduled for April 20, 2022. Jim inquired about Barry Lonek and Sara Thomas coming out to discuss Land Preservation. Jim Anderson is going to follow up with both of them to see if they could attend the April 20, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting.

Cheryl Range made a motion to cancel the April 26, 2022 Planning Commission meeting and re-scheduled it for April 20, 2022 at 7:30pm. Bruce Powelson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR TXT# 03-22 SECTION 14 EXCLUDE RESIDENTIAL

Dave Hamann mentioned this for discussion about a month ago and it was passed on to John Enos to create some language options. Dave agrees with Sandy Donovan regarding our planner and thinks that our planner should not be creating language for the Planning Commission but should be reviewing the language created by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the status of Master Plan and how long they have been waiting for a revised copy from John Enos. The Commissioners also discussed the delays on several other projects that were passed on to John Enos. Larry Grunn explained that he believes that the Planner should be the one creating the language and the Commissioners should be the one to review the language created. Jim Anderson stated that since John Enos has all the resources and tools from other jurisdictions, it only makes sense that he be the one creating the language, that the Commissioners would then review or edit.

Bob Hanvey is going to talk to John about producing language and having the Commissioners review it.

Greg Durbin discussed the pros and cons on having an enforcement officer. He suggested proceeding with caution because a position like this takes years of training and expertise.

Bob Hanvey made a motion to postpone further discussion on this matter until the next meeting after he speaks with John Enos. Jim Anderson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Tim Ryan resides at 459 East Davis. Tim made a comment (virtually) about the enforcement in Marion Township.

Sandra Donovan explained, that her observations are only based on what she herself has witnessed since becoming the Township Treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bruce Powelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49pm. Jim Anderson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**