

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Lloyd, Bill Fenton, Tammy Beal, Les Andersen, Dan Lowe, Jim Witkowski, and Sandy Donovan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Attorney; Phil Westmoreland, Spicer

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Fenton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also available to attend online.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

John Martin, 446 Trestle, wanted to remind the board that at a previous meeting, he asked for information on the Marion Oaks clubhouse, pool, and trees.

Andy Herald, 1881 Cedar Lake Road, said if the board intends to change meeting times, he would like to have the meetings available on video.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Scott Lloyd asked for clarification of the November 20, 2024 Special Meeting minutes and the hourly rate for the deputy supervisor. Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

FY 2023-24 AUDIT REVIEW

Ken Palka from Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka, was present for this agenda item. He thanked the staff for their help, and told the board members that he's available to answer questions, meet with them, etc.

After reviewing the information, Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to receive the 2023-24 FY audit and pay Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Fenton, Witkowski, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

MEADOWS NORTH PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN REVIEW

Pat Keough from Ace Civil Engineering was present on behalf of the developer, Mitch Harris. He said the Planning Commission has recommended the Special Use request, and tonight they are asking for preliminary site plan approval.

Jim Witkowski said there are several issues with the entrance, the cul-de-sac exceeds 700', interconnections, etc. Some of these issues would require a variance because they don't meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Rich Parker, 852 Spirea, is with the HOA and their concern is additional traffic and no remuneration for wear and tear on the roads.

Jim Witkowski mentioned the landscape buffer; Pat Keough said that would be handled during the final review. Jim also said there are conflicts with the private road ordinance. Pat Keough said that doesn't apply as the roads are a general common element.

Dan Lowe asked Mr. Keough how long ago he had talked with MDOT, and presented information from MDOT that states they absolutely have access to D-19

Pat Keough said he will have to discuss this with MDOT for further clarification.

Les Andersen motioned to table this item at the developer's request. Bill Fenton seconded. **Motion carried.**

LESA RESOLUTION TO COLLECT 2025 SUMMER TAXES

Tammy Beal motioned to authorize collection of 2025 LESA taxes and sign the agreement, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

HAPRA MASTERPLAN/RESOLUTION

Tammy Beal said that once this is adopted by all of the participating municipalities, they will be able to apply for grants. Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority Parks and Recreation Master Plan, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Fenton, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

TOWNSHIP-WIDE LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Tammy Beal said she would like to schedule this with the May 3 shred event. Dan Lowe questioned whether there is a weight limit. Les Andersen motioned to authorize Tammy Beal to schedule this event; if there is a weight limit or additional fees, she will bring it back to the Board of Trustees. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Beal, Andersen, Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Fenton, Lloyd—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

Les Andersen motioned to keep the board meetings at 7:30 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded.

Discussion: Tammy Beal and Bill Fenton said they have received requests for this. Les Andersen said it shouldn't be changed and they are available to view online. Bill Fenton said he's working to make the audio better. Dan Lowe said there's no reason to change.

Roll call vote: Fenton—no; Lowe—yes; Witkowski—yes; Beal—no; Lloyd—yes; Donovan—no; Andersen—yes. **Motion passed 4-3.**

DECEMBER 2, 2024 ZBA REPORT

Jim Witkowski reported that the ZBA granted two variances for a pool on Coon Lake. He said there are sections of the ordinance that refer to lot line vs. high water mark that should be reviewed. Bill Fenton will ask the Planning Commission to work on this.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

A Planning Commission At-a-Glance from the Livingston County Planning Department is included in the packet.

John Gormley said he received an email that the circuit court judge said the City of Howell has no authority for the “road” by the real estate office on D-19 because it’s not in their jurisdiction; there may be an appeal.

Les Andersen said there are several old trees along the north drive of Lakeside Cemetery that should be inspected; he asked the board members to drive through and take a look.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date