

**MARION TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2025 / 7:30PM**

PC MEMBERS PRESENT: LARRY GRUNN – *CHAIRPERSON*
JIM ANDERSON – *VICE-CHAIRPERSON*
CHERYL RANGE – *SECRETARY*
BILL FENTON
BRUCE POWELSON

PC MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVID HAMANN – *MARION TWP. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR*
ZACH MICHELS – *TOWNSHIP PLANNER*

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bill Fenton made a motion to approve the January 28, 2025 agenda as presented. Jim Anderson seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cheryl Range made a motion to approve the December 10, 2024 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Bruce Powelson seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

Bruce Powelson made a motion to approve the December 17, 2024 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Cheryl Range seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

CALL TO PUBLIC

No comment made by the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

REVIEW LCPD MEETING MINUTES FROM 01/15/2025 MEETING

Jim Anderson and Bruce Powelson attended the Livingston County Planning Department meeting on 01/15/2025, to hear the County’s review on Marion Township’s renewable energy text amendment changes.

Jim Anderson shared some of LCPD’s recommendations for Marion’s renewable energy text amendments. One of the recommendations is for the Marion Township Board of Trustees to take another look at the Township’s overlay district for solar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RENEWABLE ENERGY (JIM ANDERSON’S CHANGES)

Jim Anderson and the Commissioners went over all of the suggested changes to the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments for *Utility-Scale Solar Energy Facilities, Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Facilities and Utility-Scale Wind Energy Conversion Facilities*.

Bill Fenton made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees for the Utility-Scale Solar Energy Facilities, Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Facilities and Utility-Scale Wind Energy Conversion Facilities Text Amendments and send to the Marion Township Board of Trustees for review. Larry Grunn seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

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SPECIAL ORDERS

Jessica Timberlake stated that there will be a Large Item Collection event at Marion Township on April 19th, 2025 from 9am-1pm. This event is for Marion Township residents and we are looking for volunteers to help out that day.

Jim Anderson said that the Board of Trustees should give the Planning Commission a list of ordinances that need to be changed or reviewed, in order by priority.

Bill Fenton said that he will talk to Gormley about the suggested zoning changes and then bring to the Planning Commission, including the Development Standards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zach Michels gave some legislative updates from the State.

CALL TO PUBLIC

No comment made by the public.

AJOURNMENT:

Bill Fenton made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 9:45pm. Larry Grunn seconded.

5-0 MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Jessica S. Timberlake

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