

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tammy Beal, Les Andersen, Greg Durbin, Dan Lowe, Scott Lloyd, Bob Hanvey, and Duane Stokes

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Pablo Davila, 2939 County Farm, asked the board about the speed limit on County Farm. There is no 55 MPH sign on south bound County Farm Road. Bob Hanvey said LCRC is aware of the situation. Per the sheriff's department, if it's unposted, the speed limit is 55 MPH.

Susan Schooley, 459 E. Davis Rd., was present to discuss her complaint regarding Howell Landscaping Supplies. She doesn't believe having the Planning Commission change language in the ordinance addresses the situation. The business is not a nursery, it's a trucking company, and does not comply with the ordinance.

Tim Ryan, 459 E. Davis Rd., said he's not sure the board members understand the noise and dust this business is creating. There is a lot of truck traffic in and out all day.

Dan Lowe asked who's driving the trucks; Mr. Ryan said employees. Mr. Lowe believes this is a trucking company, not a landscaping company.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items #16—Catholic Charities and #17—Planning Commission Discussion were added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

EDC CONTRACT EXTENSION

Tammy Beal motioned to postpone this item until the SPARK/EDC representatives can attend the meeting. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE

Les Andersen motioned to instruct the Planning Commission to work on language to allow the assessor to deny a land division if a non-conforming parcel or zoning violation would be created as a result. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

CARLISLE WORTMAN/MASTER PLAN

Les Andersen motioned to ask Carlisle Wortman for a proposal to work on the master plan. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Bob Hanvey asked for the board members' input on how to fill this position. Les Andersen said he would like input from John Enos. Greg Durbin suggested that the township draft the requirements for the position and then have Mr. Enos review them. Dan Lowe said he thinks asking the planner to provide input is wasted time, and there probably won't be more than one or two applicants. Cheryl Range, PC member, asked if the board had someone in mind. Bob Hanvey said that two people have expressed interest: Dave Hamann and Ginny Waltz. Scott Lloyd said he contacted Mr. Hamann. Mr. Hanvey said the zoning administrator is a statutory position and the board should make the hiring decision. Tammy Beal and Les Andersen said they feel that Dave Hamann is a good candidate. Mr. Lloyd said it should be advertised in the Livingston County Press, the township's website and the MTA website. Les Andersen motioned to have the position advertised with a deadline of August 1, and the applicants must be present at the August 10 board meeting. Bob Hanvey seconded. **Motion carried.**

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR POSITION

Bob Hanvey updated the board members on this item. An offer was made to one of the four applicants, and she declined.

ROADS

Tammy Beal said the dust control is scheduled for Monday, weather permitting. Forrest Wyckoff said that Cedar Lake Road is very dusty.

RECYCLING

Scott Lloyd motioned to accept the proposal from Sanitation Specialists for recycling services. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Stokes, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

The board members discussed township-wide garbage collection. Dan Lowe said he supports. Bob Hanvey said there are some logistics that would have to be figured out. Some subdivisions already have contracts with garbage companies. He will investigate and report back to the board.

WWTP OPERATION/LIFT STATION COMMUNICATIONS

No new information on this item.

CIRAB MEETING REPORT

Scott Lloyd updated the board members on the recent CIRAB meeting. The township will have to raise the sewer rates by at least 5%. Bob Hanvey said he will get prices from Mike Spidler for the communications upgrade at the pump stations for the next meeting. Dan Lowe said the county and the City of Howell are trying to contract septage haulers and that has no benefit to the township. Duane Stokes asked if the DEQ has oversight; Mr. Lowe said yes.

NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT

The board members would like more information on the proposal from Fire Alarm Service Team LLC. Tammy Beal said she will call and arrange it.

CRYSTALWOOD UNIT #13

Bob Hanvey said he talked with Rick Elkow, who indicated he would have the supervisor take care of the cleaning. Dan Lowe said the township should have the video. Mr. Lowe also said the SAD needs to be set up for the protection of the residents. Bob Hanvey said he will pursue doing that.

HERITAGE DAYS REPORT

Information on income/expenses is included in the packet. Tammy Beal reported that the event had a profit of \$1,320.47. A wrap-up meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 24 at 6:30 pm.

ZBA REPORT

Dan Lowe reported that the ZBA heard two variances requests at the July 10 meeting. One for an accessory building in the front yard on Vines Road was denied, and one for an accessory building with a reduced side yard setback was granted.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Greg Durbin motioned to allow Livingston Catholic Charities to use the basement for collection of food and packages for Christmas, from the middle of November to December 8. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Dan Lowe said he spoke with a representative from MTA and they have recommended that the supervisor not be a member of the Planning Commission. Bob Hanvey said he thinks that the attorney general opinion was before the new statute, but will review.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

A letter to DEQ about Marion Creek requesting an extension for construction of the sanitary sewers is included in the packet.

The monthly Livingston County update is included in the packet.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date