

**MARION TOWNSHIP
2877 W. Coon Lake Rd.
Howell MI 48843
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 27, 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

James Hedgcock, 3385 Cedar Lake Rd., was present to discuss the condition of Cedar Lake Road. He said there is excessive dust this year, and residents are having breathing problems and health issues. The shoulders of the road are too soft after grading. He discussed the increased population and the amount of traffic on the road. He suggested that the township pursue grants to help with funding road improvements.

Ron Musial, 3402 Cedar Lake Rd., said that although he lives on the “good” (west) side of the road, he’s concerned because kids can’t be seen while waiting for school busses because of the dust.

Maureen Clark, 3465 Cedar Lake Rd., said she is afraid to go to her mailbox. She’s been hospitalized twice with breathing-related issues.

Dan Shephard, 3327 Cedar Lake Rd., said he talked with the road grader operator who said he didn’t think they would need dust control right after the road is graded.

Maureen Clark asked if there are any health risks associated with chloride. Tammy Beal said it’s salt brine and has only 18% chloride; it used to have 38%.

Dan Lowe said he believes that it’s not good, and that it’s worse than oil.

Dan Shephard said the aluminum trim on his car is damaged from the road conditions.

Forrest Wyckoff, 3145 Cedar Lake Rd., said there are over 1,000 cars per day on the road and there should be some kind of maintenance program. He said Pingree Road is done every month. He also said he doesn’t believe the dust control would be an airborne problem, but may be a groundwater issue.

Les Andersen said the residents voted down a road millage in the past to help fund maintenance.

James Hedgcock said it’s the township’s responsibility to keep trying and to find a way to fund the improvements.

Bruce Powelson, 3466 Pingree, suggested approaching State Rep. Hank Vaupel regarding the funding situation.

Duane Stokes said he talked with the grader who said the steeper crown causes the brine to wash away. He also said they may be spreading it too thin.

Candy Hedgcock, 3385 Cedar Lake Rd., asked what they, as residents, can do. Can they hire a private company? Tammy Beal said she asked the foreman and he said yes, but coordinating it in between the regular applications could be difficult.

Call to the Public was closed at 8:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items #9—Howell Landscape and #10—Planning Commission Membership 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. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

ROADS

Tammy Beal said the dust control was started this week.

CRYSTALWOOD

A draft of an agreement is included in the packet. Bob Hanvey said that Rick Elkow is having his attorney review. Scott Lloyd questioned the 25% down. Dan Lowe said the development is more than half built, and the township attorney should have written the agreement, not the supervisor.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

A letter from FEMA is included in the packet thanking the township for approval of the plan.

RECYCLING

Tammy Beal said the recycling bins should be set up by August 1. The representative from Sanitation Specialists said the bins can be emptied as often as necessary, and he can provide tickets from the recycling facility if requested.

WWTP OPERATION/LIFT STATION COMMUNICATIONS

No new information on this item.

NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT

Information is included in the packet on the equipment recommended by Fire Alarm Service Team LLC. Scott Lloyd said he would like to get more information to present at the next board meeting before a decision is made.

HOWELL LANDSCAPE

Les Andersen said he wanted to clarify that he wanted the Planning Commission to establish performance standards, and also mentioned having the planner handle enforcement work. Dan Lowe said it has to apply to all businesses, not just this one. Greg Durbin asked if anyone from the township has talked with the owner? Bob Hanvey said that the current owner talked with the zoning administrator prior to purchasing the property. Both Mr. Hanvey and Mr. Andersen agreed that the new zoning administrator not handle enforcement issues. Duane Stokes said the zoning ordinance doesn't really give a good definition of "nursery."

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Dan Lowe asked what information Bob Hanvey found regarding his position on the Planning Commission. Mr. Hanvey said the information he found doesn't say the supervisor can't be on the PC. Mr. Lowe said that the supervisor is wearing too many hats and it's a conflict of interest; Mr. Hanvey disagreed. Tammy Beal said she will contact the MTA attorney, Catherine Mulhaupt, and ask for a written answer to this question.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

The EDC 2017 Q2 report is available for review in the clerk's office.

A copy of the classified ad for both a zoning administrator and assistant assessor that is on the MTA website was provided.

The SPARK representative will attend the August 10 meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jim Hedgcock asked what the gravel on the roads is made up of and what the ratio of stone to dirt is. Tammy Beal said that Cedar Lake Road used to be limestone. Dan Lowe said they put down 21AA natural stone.

Bruce Powelson said there should be legal means to get rid of a business that doesn't comply with the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Greg Durbin motioned to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date