

MARION TOWNSHIP
2877 W. COON LAKE RD., HOWELL, MI 48843
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer Group

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

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Duane Stokes motioned to approve the consent agenda. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

LOVES CREEK/SESAME SNOW PLOWING

Bob Hanvey passed out an updated proposed public hearing notice. Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to schedule a hearing for November 9, 2017 on the creation of Loves Creek/Sesame Snow Removal Special Assessment District. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CRYSTALWOOD ROAD ESCROW AGREEMENT

Bob Hanvey provided the board members with a draft of a conceptual agreement for financing pavement of the roads in Crystalwood and Crystalwood II. The board members discussed changes to items 6 & 7 to have the township hold the funds, then pay Elkow rather than the contractor. Greg Durbin motioned to have the agreement reviewed and finalized by the attorney. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

ENGINE BRAKING

The board members discussed creating a general ordinance to prohibit this activity in the township. Bob Hanvey will check on details of enforcement with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Les Andersen motioned to forward this item to the Planning Commission so they can create the language for ordinance. Dan Lowe seconded. **Motion carried.**

RECYCLING UPDATE

Bob Hanvey asked the board members if they had any objection to Alchin's putting their name on the flyers and/or sign by the recycling bins; none were heard. Recycling should begin again in a few weeks.

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

After meeting with Larry Moss from AnyNetwork.Com, LLC, it was determined that an additional microphone, case with wheels, and new speakers were needed. Les Andersen motioned to approve \$5,405 for the new sound system and accessories. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Stokes, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

WITKOWSKI SUP

The board has determined that weddings and social events are not agricultural tourism. The planner has stated that the applicant needs to submit a better site plan. In the special use approval draft document, Les Andersen would like "approval by the zoning administrator" changed to "township board" in paragraph six, and add Livingston County Building Department and Howell Area Fire Authority to list of outside agencies. Bob Hanvey said the approval would be for the special use permit, not the site plan. Phil Westmoreland will update his review. Jim Witkowski questioned the requirement for approval from the LCBD.

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the preliminary Special Use Permit for Witkowski for agri-tourism based activities, subject to conditions in the planner's October 1, 2017 review letter, changes made by the township to the draft of the preliminary special use approval, and the required standards that the applicant needs to meet. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

HOWELL LANDSCAPING

Bob Hanvey suggested sending a letter to the property owner asking him to discontinue the trucking business. The township has the option of contracting with Carlisle Wortman to investigate the activity at the property. Greg Durbin said the board members should look at both sides, not just the complaints. Dan Lowe said it is not a residential use. Scott Lloyd motioned to have the attorney provide the supervisor and zoning administrator with a letter asking the property owner to terminate the trucking business. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

SHINY APPLE SMALL WINE MAKER RESOLUTION

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve the application from Shiny Apple LLC for a small wine maker's license. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Hanvey, Lowe, Durbin, Beal, Lloyd, Stokes, Andersen—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

ZBA REPORT

Dan Lowe updated the board members on the October 2 ZBA meeting, which was tabled to allow the applicant to apply for all of the variances that are needed. The notice will have to be republished.

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

There is an unemployment hearing that is ongoing with the former zoning administrator.

The monthly update from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners is in the packet.,

The mediation with Mitch Harris has been cancelled, and the motion hearing is scheduled for October 26.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Steve Williams was present and brought updated Metropark maps to pass out.

Bruce Powelson said he was using a decibel meter during the meeting, and it registered 70 during normal conversation.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor Date