

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2018**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Lloyd

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer; Dave Hamann, Zoning Administrator

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

Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PARDIAC SHELL FINAL REVIEW SPR #02-18 AND SUP #02-18

Sandy Marhofer was present to ask for final approval; the PC has reviewed and the ZBA granted the variance she needed contingent on the owner combining the two parcels. Dave Hamann said he will have the attorney review and approve the language in the Special Use Permits.

Tammy Beal motioned to approve Site Plan Review #02-18 for Pardiac Shell contingent on the owner combining the two parcels. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

Duane Stokes motioned to approve Special Use Permit #02-18, Section 17.04 A, for the Auto Repair Garage. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy Beal motioned to approve the Special Use Permit #02-18, Section 17.04 B, for the Auto Fueling/Mixed-Use Station. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

PERKINS MUD BOG

Dan Perkins was present to request that the board allow him to have a third mud bog on Saturday, October 13. Township resident, Sandy Marhofer, said she's in favor.

Duane Stokes motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for Perkins' mud bog on October 13. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE CONFLICTS

Bob Hanvey said there are conflicts between the general ordinance and the zoning ordinance and they should be consistent. Dan Lowe said he doesn't think it's a coincidence that this subject is coming up because he has property with access on easements. Supervisor Hanvey said this has been discussed for a long time. Mr. Lowe said the township is being too restrictive by not allowing access on an easement. Les Andersen said there needs to be some kind of maintenance agreement with an easement. Dave Hamann said that allowing shared driveways would resolve some of the issues, and the PC is reviewing that. Phil Westmoreland said that Chestnut Creek was 12 lots and they were required to meet the standards. Mr. Lowe said that the former treasurer, Sue Lingle, had come up with some ideas on how to deal with access easements. Mr. Andersen said that Losco Township has had a lot of trouble with shared driveways. Mr. Hamann said that Putnam Township has an ordinance that allows different tiers based on the number of splits. He will provide the board with copies of Sue Lingle's proposal and Putnam Township's ordinance for review at the next meeting.

Les Andersen motioned to postpone action on this item. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

ROADS

Emails from Jodie at the LCRC are included in the packet. Les Andersen said that Bentley Lake Road is improved. He also said a local landscaping company has been dumping gravel on Pingree Road for the project they're doing on a house.

CRYSTALWOOD ROADS

An email from Rick Elkow is included in the packet.

ENGINEERING STANDARDS & SECTION 18: SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Dave Hamann said the zoning ordinance makes reference to engineering standards that were created by another engineering consultant. Reference was removed from most of the zoning ordinance in 2016. He suggests having documentation that can be given to applicants. The second issue is enforcing requirements of Section 18 and let applicant's know that if they want to bypass preliminary site plan review, the project cannot be presented to the Planning Commission until all requirements meet approval from the township's consultants and county agencies.

Greg Durbin motioned to re-establish Marion Township engineering standards, and to review and approve after they're submitted. Duane Stokes seconded. Discussion: Phil Westmoreland will have them for the next meeting. **Motion carried.**

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Duane Stokes motioned to approve the definition provided by the attorney with modification to paragraph two of the definition by removing the words "*in life or*" and establishing fines as recommended by the attorney. Les Andersen seconded. Discussion: Dan Lowe asked about engine braking; Bob Hanvey said that is covered. Greg Durbin said the State of Michigan website has a lot of information on engine braking. Les Andersen said he thinks the MTA says that's not legal to enforce. **Motion carried.**

WATER/SEWER BILLING

Bob Hanvey provided the board members with additional data on the sewer and water meter reading comparisons. Phil Westmoreland provided a spreadsheet, and said that I&I are very costly to chase and the results are never perfect. Manholes could be repaired through the SAW grant manhole program. Dan Lowe said that a similar problem happened in the past and it was in the Groveland/Alstott area. The board members discussed sending out a targeted or mass mailing asking residents to insure that sump pumps and water softeners are not discharged into the sanitary sewer.

BRUSH MOWING ON SEWER EASEMENTS

Phil Westmoreland said the specs are being sent to selected contractors. Dan Lowe mentioned Joe Racia and Joe Vellardita as possibilities.

ASSESSING

MTA is hosting two meetings on the assessing reform proposal: August 28 in Gaines Charter Township, and August 29 in Novi.

VOLANTE MEDIATION

The mediation is scheduled for August 29. If more than three board members are interested in attending, it will have to be posted.

BELL RESOLUTION

Tammy Beal said Paul White, a township resident, donated a bell from an old farm on Pingree & Coon Lake. He asked that the township return the bell to him if it's no longer wanted. Les Andersen motioned to approve Resolution No. 2018-27 as authorization to accept old bell donation, as presented. Bob Hanvey seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Stokes—all yes. **Resolution passed 6-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES

None.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Bruce Powelson, 3466 Pingree, asked if the township would have to hold a public hearing on changing the ordinance to allow access on easements. Bob Hanvey said no, if it's a change to the general ordinance; yes if it's a change to the zoning ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date