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MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2021

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Phil Westmoreland, Dave Hamann

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was also available to attend online.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #9—Non-conforming lots and home occupations was added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

BALDWIN UPDATE

Anthony Baldwin and his fiancé, Elizabeth, were present to update the board on progress made on cleaning up their property. Bob Hanvey and Dave Hamann visited the site last week. Mr. Hanvey said he feels this is a home occupation, not a home-based business. Dan Lowe said he drove by the site and doesn't feel that much has changed. The board members discussed home occupation vs. home-based business and read through the criteria A-M in Section 6.14 of the zoning ordinance.

Tammy Beal motioned to give the property owner 60 days to become compliant with a review in 30 days, and a commitment to get a permit to build an accessory structure to be completed within six months as one way to satisfy the requirement. Les Andersen seconded.

Discussion: Lisa Kirk, 2935 High Meadows, suggested that the property owner could store their equipment elsewhere as an alternate solution.

Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

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DENIM & DIAMONDS

Alyssa Wierzbicki and Gerie Greenspan from LACASA were present to answer any questions regarding the Denim & Diamonds Special Event Permit scheduled for September 18, 2021. They are still waiting for approval from the Livingston County Health Department and the approval to provide liquor. Tammy Beal motioned to approve the Special Event Permit for Denim & Diamonds on September 18, 2021, provided all approvals are received. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

CIRAB REPORT/NEW SEWER RATES

Bob Hanvey provided the board members with a letter from the City of Howell regarding the rate they charge the township for wastewater treatment; effective July 1, 2021, the rate is \$3.91 per thousand gallons. He also provided a comparison of sewer billing to water billing from 2014 through June 30, 2021, and an approximation of the township's current financial situation for FY ending June 30, 2021. No action is required at this time, and he would like to review the Asset Management Plan. Scott Lloyd said that the next expansion will be the township's responsibility. Sandy Donovan said the township should at a minimum pass on the increase to the users; Phil Westmoreland agreed. John Gormley recommended a rate study. The Asset Management plan will be in the next board packet

TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT

Phil Westmoreland and Adam Jacqmain from Spicer were present to discuss this project. Les Andersen motioned to have Phil Westmoreland prepare bid specs for this project to be completed this year. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

GRAVEL/PAVED PARKING LOTS

Dan Lowe said the township should not allow gravel parking lots unless there is some type of retention. He also said something needs to be done about Howell Auto because they didn't get any permits and they have no retention. Dave Hamann said he gave approval per the ordinance because he felt what they did was a minor change to the site plan. What constitutes a major vs. minor change will be discussed at a future meeting.

TAMARACK PLACE PUD AGREEMENT

John Gormley said his review will be completed soon, and he will provide the wording for the changes.

CRYSTAL WOOD TREES

No new information on this item.

LAND ACQUISITION FUND

The board members agreed to keep the contribution at \$25,000 per year; Bob Hanvey will present the amended budget at the next meeting.

NON-CONFORMING LOTS/HOME OCCUPATIONS

Les Andersen said he would like the Planning Commission to work on the language in the ordinance regarding non-conforming lots and home occupations.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Tammy Beal said that after the heavy rains, the building had three leaks in the roof. Scott Lloyd said the wood needs to be nailed down.

An email was received today regarding the wedding barn. A motion of summary disposition in favor of the plaintiff is scheduled for October 21, 2021, the pre-trial conference is scheduled for January 14, 2022, and the trial on January 18, 2022 at 8:00 am.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Greg Durbin motioned to adjourn at 9:36 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date