

\*Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Grunn - Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARION TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 / 7:30PM**

**PC MEMBERS PRESENT:** LARRY GRUNN - CHAIRPERSON  
CHERYL RANGE - SECRETARY  
BOB HANVEY  
BRUCE POWELSON

**PC MEMBERS ABSENT:** JIM ANDERSON - VICE CHAIRPERSON

**OTHERS PRESENT:** DAVID HAMANN - MARION TWP. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



**CALL TO ORDER**

Larry Grunn called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Bruce Powelson made a motion to approve the September 28, 2023 agenda as presented. Bob Hanvey seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cheryl Range made a motion to approve the August 22, 2023 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Bruce Powelson seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CALL TO PUBLIC**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**SUP# 02-23 ALAN ASP HOME-BASED BUSINESS**

Alan Asp presented his plans for a home-based business at 2607 Mason Road. He still plans to keep his corporate office in Waterford, which is where most activities will continue to take place. Alan Asp has been in business for seven years now. The Mason Road location will be used as a satellite location. He plans to only park up to four trucks at the Mason Road location and will only have two employees. Most of his drivers bring their trucks home at the end of the day. The Mason Road parcel is a 7 ½ acre lot. Mr. Asp plans to have two dumpsters on the parcel but plans to put them in a location that will not be visible to the neighbors.

Robert and Chelsea Rodriguez reside at 2655 Mason Road. They live next door to Alan Asp's parcel and wanted to know what Alan's plans were with his property. They wanted to make sure that there will not be several trucks coming and going throughout the day. There is currently a very small fence separating their properties but it does not currently provide any screening.

Alan Asp stated that he will plant some trees near the fence to provide some screening between his property and the Rodriguez's property.

Dave Hamann asked Alan Asp if he planned on living at 2607 Mason Road. Alan Asp stated that he does plan on living there.

**CLOSE CALL TO PUBLIC AT 7:48pm.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SUP# 02-23 ALAN ASP HOME-BASED BUSINESS**

## APPROVED

Cheryl Range made a motion to recommend approval to the Township Board of Trustees for Alan Asp's Home-Based Business Special Use Permit (SUP# 02-23) with the following conditions.

- Mr. Asp will provide some landscape screening near the fence.
- Mr. Asp will place the dumpsters in a location that do no impact the neighbors.
- Mr. Asp will not have more than four trucks on the property at one time.

Bruce Powelson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### **TXT# 01-23 CRYPTO ORDINANCE DATA PROCESSING INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT**

Dave Hamann explained that Zach Michels presented this language to Bob and made all of the changes previously discussed and it will be presented to the Board at the next meeting on 09/28/2023.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### **WELLHEAD PROTECTION ORDINANCE AND MAP**

This topic is still pending.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheryl Range discussed the Ford Plant in Milan and does not understand why the Solar companies will not use this facility for their projects.

Bob Hanvey provided an update with the ongoing wedding barn case. As of right now, the due process count is pending.

### SPECIAL ORDERS

Dave Hamann told Commissioners to start thinking about a our "to-do" list.

Larry Grunn asked if the Township Attorney is able to attend one of our Planning Commission meetings. Bob Hanvey will check the Planning Commission budget.

Bruce asked how many years is our Master Plan good for?

### CALL TO PUBLIC

Les Andersen make a comment about bed and breakfast properties.

Katherine Dwyer made a comment about no telling property owners what to do.

### ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl Range made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Larry Grunn seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**