

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Bob Hanvey said that tonight's meeting was also available to attend online.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

HECKMAN SHOW CAUSE HEARING

Dave Hamann said that Mr. Heckman provided evidence that two of the vehicles have been registered; the third vehicle is stored in the garage until he can get it licensed. Mr. Hamann said he has complied with the township's request and the show cause hearing should be cancelled.

MUGG & BOPP'S FINAL SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL USE REVIEW

TJ Lekander was present to ask for the board's approval on the final site plan and Special Use permit. He said the issue with the pond has been resolved through the work the Livingston County Road Commission did. Dan Lowe also said the trees on the north side are missing from the site plan; they were on the previous plan. Mr. Lekander questioned a buffer from the swamp. Jim Abraham, owner of Howell Storage, said he is satisfied with the LCRC's counter measure and the flooding has been mitigated. Mr. Abraham said he would prefer not to have a row of big trees blocking his business. The board discussed requesting three trees on the west side, a minimum of six-foot white pines or spruce, and eight trees on the north side before an occupancy permit is given, to be completed by May 15, 2021 or sooner and maintained. Mr. Lowe said he disagrees that the water issue is resolved and the tile needs to be repaired. Mr. Lowe asked if the Livingston County Drain Commission has given final approval. Dave Hamann said

not yet, and before a final zoning compliance is issued, the issues from the first site plan need to be complete.

Duane Stokes motioned to approve the final site plan with modifications and receipt of final approval from the county inspections. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

With regard to the Special Use permit, attorney Mike Kehoe will produce the document to be signed and recorded. Les Andersen motioned to approve the Special Use permit. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

RECORDING EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS

The proposal from AnyNetwork.Com LLC is included in the packet with two options. Greg Durbin asked if these improvements would help with the sound quality in the meeting room; the answer was yes. Les Andersen motioned to accept option #2 for \$3153.66, as presented. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Harvey, Andersen, Stokes, Durbin, Beal—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

AT&T CROWN CASTLE LEASE MODIFICATIONS

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to accept the cell tower lease, as presented. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen, Harvey, Beal, Lowe, Lloyd, Durbin, Stokes—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

PAYROLL TAX DEFERRAL

Greg Durbin motioned to not defer the Social Security taxes. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

ELECTION BUDGET AMENDMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to amend budget line item 6191-710 to add \$2000 for additional election workers. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Durbin, Stokes, Lowe, Lloyd, Andersen, Harvey, Beal—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

Les Andersen motioned to approve \$15 per hour for temporary election workers. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE GRANT APPROVAL

Tammy Beal said she requires board approval to apply for a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to be used for PPE for the election. Duane Stokes said he has questions about this organization, who's behind it, and the requirements. Tammy Beal said she's only required to report on what was purchased and how much was spent.

Les Andersen motioned to authorize the clerk to submit a grant proposal for the COVID-19 Response Grant. Greg Durbin seconded. Roll call vote: Beal—yes; Harvey—yes; Lloyd—yes; Andersen—yes; Lowe—no; Stokes—no; Durbin—yes. **Motion carried 5-2 (Lowe/Stokes—no.)**

DISC GOLF COURSE MODIFICATION REQUEST

In response to the township's offer to move the disc golf basket, the attorney for the Johnsons suggested planting arborvitae instead of the fence. Dan Lowe said the deer will just shred them. Duane Stokes said moving the basket may solve the problem. Greg Durbin asked if they had submitted any kind of drawing; the answer was no. The board decided to take no action on this item other than to move the basket.

AJR CORNERSTONE MEDIATION

An email was received this morning at 9 am that representatives from AJR Cornerstone can't make the mediation scheduled for September 11 and won't be able to until October.

CRYSTALWOOD ROADS/TREES

Brian Riordan from the Crystalwood Estates HOA Board of Directors, was present remotely to discuss this agenda item. He has submitted a quote from McKearney Asphalt & Sealing for \$50,995 to install a wearing course over Crystal Court and a section of Crystal Crossing. Mr. Riordan said the HOA has very low dues and they have discussed increasing the dues to cover future road maintenance needs to avoid another SAD. Mr. Hanvey said this will require two public hearings; the first to create the district, and the second to determine the share per parcel. Mr. Lowe asked what the cost would be to pulverize the entire section of Crystalwood Estates roads. Mr. Hanvey asked Mr. Riordan to send the township the other quote they received prior to the public hearing.

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to schedule a public hearing at the October 8 Board meeting, and he will gather more information prior to the meeting. Duane Stokes seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Andersen, Stokes, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

TRIANGLE LAKE PARK

A request was received from Arnold Kromberg, who is affiliated with Howell Legends FC and Michigan Alliance youth soccer organizations, requesting use of the Triangle Lake Road park for practices on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Bob Hanvey asked if there were any objections. Les Andersen said let them use it for the fall and see how it goes. Duane Stokes motioned to allow the Howell Legends FC and Michigan Alliance youth soccer organizations to use the Triangle Lake Road park for practices on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Greg Durbin seconded. **Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Bob Hanvey said there is still no word from the Hometown Village HOA or attorney.

The attorneys are still discussing the short-term rental issue; not much progress has been made.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Duane Stokes motioned to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date