

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2019**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Lloyd

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

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Nelson Reynolds, 7272 Bentley Lake Rd., was present as a representative of the Livingston Sunset M-36 Rotary Club. He said they would like to be more active in the southern part of the county and need eight people to form a group. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 7 pm at Zukey Lake Tavern.

Greg Gerrish, 399 Bonnie Circle, was present regarding his neighbor's peacocks. He doesn't believe the Michigan Right to Farm Act is relevant in this case because it's a residential neighborhood. He also feels there's a violation of the nuisance ordinance. He doesn't believe it should be the property owner's responsibility to take action; the township should enforce the ordinance. His neighborhood does not have an active homeowner's association to enforce the bylaws. Dan Lowe suggested getting the attorney's opinion about the noise issue; Bob Harvey will contact him.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION

Les Andersen motioned that the Board of Trustees has no interest in current or future offers from DTE regarding electric car charging stations. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

MARION TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

The board members will review and forward suggestions/comments to Dave Hamann; he will present the revised document to the board at a future meeting.

HOME OCCUPATION AND HOME-BASED BUSINESS PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS

Dave Hamann said these amendments haven't been to Livingston County Planning and no public hearings have been held. Dan Lowe asked if the ordinance is changed, what happens to current businesses?

Andy Herald, 1881 Cedar Lake Rd., said if this ordinance is passed, the township needs to enforce it; he feels enforcement has been lackluster.

Forrest Wyckoff, 3115 Cedar Lake Rd., asked about the status of an enforcement officer. Bob Hanvey said the board has authorized Carlisle Wortman to handle enforcement issues.

Les Andersen motioned to have the Planning Commission continue work on these ordinances, have them sent to Livingston County Planning, and schedule public hearings. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

NUISANCE ORDINANCE

The Nuisance & Noise general ordinance was included for review and comment. Dave Hamann said the attorney hasn't reviewed it yet. Dan Lowe said he hasn't had a chance to review the whole thing. Les Andersen motioned to postpone this item until the next meeting. Dan Lowe seconded. **Motion carried.**

LISA MAHER SEWER LEAD

Phil Westmoreland presented the board with an estimate of \$56,700 for this project. After discussion, Les Andersen motioned to have the supervisor contact the property owner about the township paying for a new drain field. Duane Stokes seconded. **Motion carried.**

Dan Lowe said if the property owner does elect to have a new drain field, perc tests need to be scheduled right away.

TOWNSHIP COMPUTERS

Les Andersen motioned to select IT Right as the vendor and to authorize the supervisor to get defined dollar amounts and more detail. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

PROPOSED FIREWORK ORDINANCE REQUEST

A resident sent an email regarding a fireworks ordinance, and Tammy Beal said the insurance representative also recommends having an ordinance. She will provide the board with a sample ordinance at the next meeting.

ZBA REPORT

Dave Hamann reported that the ZBA met on July 1 for AJR Group, Inc. and Cornerstone Land LLC ZBA Case # 05-18. The ZBA determined that ag tourism does not include commercial wedding/event barns.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Bob Hanvey said the township received another offer to purchase the cell tower. The board members agreed he should just disregard future offers.

Duane Stokes said he inadvertently sent out tax bills for exempt property.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Forrest Wyckoff, 3115 Cedar Lake Rd., said the township needs to take action on all of the vehicles around the township that aren't licensed.

Duane Stokes asked Cheryl Range about cemeteries in the nuisance ordinance; she said it's covered by state law.

Bruce Powelson is recuperating and hopes to be at the July Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date