

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2021**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Westmoreland, Spicer (remotely)

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

County Commissioner Mitch Zajac said he would like to discuss the county's plan for community funding. Bob Hanvey said it would be added as an agenda item.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mitch Zajac, Fred Brown Park and Recreation Center concerts were added to the agenda. Tammy Beal motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SEWER CONNECTION CONTRACTORS

No action on this item at this time.

CARLISLE/WORTMAN MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Les Andersen motioned to approve an amount not to exceed \$4,500 to Carlisle/Wortman for completion of the master plan. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Hanvey, Durbin, Andersen, Donovan—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Bob Hanvey asked the board members for any input on the draft master plan. Les Andersen said he find it hard to believe that the numbers from SEMCOG only indicate an increase of 2,000 residents by the year 2025; Bob Hanvey said the numbers can be changed when SEMCOG updates them. Tammy Beal said she would like to see better quality/larger graphs and maps.

Les Andersen motioned to release the master plan for comment as required by statute. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT BID SPECS

Phil Westmoreland said the topographical and physical field work is done, and they will start drawings next week.

2021-22 ROADS/SCHAFER ROAD ESTIMATE

Les Andersen motioned to approve the agreement from Livingston County Road Commission for improvements on Schafer Road from Bentley Lake Road to D-19 not to exceed \$77,000, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Durbin, Hanvey, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Lowe—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

MARION OAKS PROPOSED UNIT CHANGES

Rick Elkow from Echelon Homes and Jack Lansing from Capital Construction were present to request a change to the consent judgement. They would like to build some single-family detached condos in place of multi-family attached condos. They presented two options. Option one would remove Tenison Lane with 17 units and merge them in with 76 units on McDowell Drive and Percy Drive. The resulting 93 units would have about 10 feet between buildings and leave the Tenison Lane area as open space. Option two would convert the 38 duplex units into 76 detached units with 20-foot distance between units. The HOA would remain the same for The Links.

Scott Lloyd said he doesn't like the proposal. Dan Lowe said the only way he would approve of the change is if they removed at least 1/3 of the units. Jack Lansing said the market is dictating this request and it's a commodity that is needed. Bob Hanvey said he would like to have the attorney review the proposal.

Scott Lloyd motioned to leave the consent judgment with attached condos in place. Dan Lowe seconded. Roll call vote: Beal—yes; Andersen—yes; Donovan—no; Durbin—yes; Lowe—yes; Hanvey—no; Lloyd—yes. **Motion carried 5-2.**

Mr. Elkow said as this would provide something that's needed for seniors and would increase the township's tax base, he's surprised at this reaction. Greg Durbin said Mr. Elkow and Mr. Lansing should look at the township's Master Plan, although he agrees there's a demonstrated need for senior housing. Scott Lloyd said he wants more space between units. Bob Hanvey suggested that they modify the proposal and bring it back to the board.

STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

No new information on this item.

MITCH ZAJAC

Mitch Zajac, County Commission for District 6, was attending remotely to ask for the board's support for a community funding program to increase rural broadband access. Ten projects will be selected from those submitted, and two will be selected from each congressional district.

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to support Livingston County's efforts to increase broadband access through the Community Funding Program. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Hanvey, Lowe, Durbin, Beal, Lloyd, Donovan, Andersen—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

FRED BROWN PARK

Greg Durbin motioned to allow Legends of Howell and Michigan Alliance to use Fred Brown Park for soccer practice two days per week for six weeks, April 12 through June 1. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

RECREATION CENTER CONCERTS

Les Andersen motioned to allow HAPRA to use the township parking lot and electricity for two outdoor concerts on June 19 and July 24. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

No new correspondence or updates.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date