

MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dan Lowe asked if we could add Crystal Wood paving and Crystal Wood trees to the agenda. Dan Lowe would also like to add discussion on pre-existing lots and easements.

Bob Hanvey would also like to add discussion on storage containers 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**

DENIM AND DIAMOND EVENT

Bob said that the original proposal required Board approval. Recently the proposal was changed and now does not require Board approval.

Dave Hamann explained that he has not received any documentation on the fireworks but would like to have something before the event.

SHORT TERM RENTAL LAWYER

Greg Durbin would like to personally endorse *Cummings McClorey Davis & Acho P.L.C.* to represent Marion Township. He has known them for many years and believes they are as good as it gets.

Les Andersen made a motion to use *Cummings McClorey Davis & Acho P.L.C.* to represent Marion Township on this case for \$150 an hour. Tammy Beal seconded.

ROLL CALL: Duane Stokes: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Bob Harvey: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Dan Lloyd: yes. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

SEWER USAGE CREDIT

Les Anderson made a motion to credit Victoria Wingard's sewer account for \$338.25, located at 1176 Weatherstone Lane. Greg Durbin seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

REVIEW OF SEWER/WATER GENERAL ORDINANCE ISSUES

Dave Hamann said that we need to come up with a protocol for him to follow that an attorney is going to be able to enforce. We need to clean things up with our general ordinances. Bob Harvey made a motion to have *Cummings McClorey Davis & Acho P.L.C.* review our sewer ordinance and provide feedback. Les Andersen seconded.

ROLL CALL: Duane Stokes: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Bob Harvey: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Dan Lloyd: yes. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

DISC GOLF COURSE MODIFICATION REQUEST

Our neighbors are currently upset about our disc golf course. Bob Harvey suggested moving the baskets 100 feet and possibly putting up a second fence or blockade.

Les Andersen made a motion to move the basket 50 feet away from their property. Greg Durbin seconded.

ROLL CALL: Duane Stokes: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Bob Harvey: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Dan Lloyd: yes. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

PARKING LOT BIDS

Rick Haslock and Joe Vellardita each provided Marion Township with a quote to install a parking lot expansion.

Bob Harvey made a motion to approve Joe Vellardita's proposal to install a parking lot expansion, that shall not exceed \$7,650.00. Scott Lloyd seconded.

ROLL CALL: Duane Stokes: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Bob Harvey: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Dan Lloyd: yes. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

CEMETERY TREE REMOVAL

Duane Stokes made a motion to hire Bob Carol to clean up the brush at Harger Cemetery for \$250.00. Scott Lloyd seconded.

ROLL CALL: Duane Stokes: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Bob Harvey: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Dan Lloyd: yes. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Dan Lowe made a motion to leave the tree alone at Harger Cemetery. Duane Stokes seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

AJR CORNERSTONE MEDIATION

Bob Hanvey asked if anyone was interested in attending the mediation for AJR Cornerstone August 20th, 2020. Three Trustees are allowed to attend. Bob Hanvey, Tammy Beal and Duane Stokes will be attending this meeting.

AUGUST 4, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION REPORT

Tammy Beal discussed the cost of postage for the AV Ballots for the August 2020 election. The cost was significantly higher for this election, due to more people voting absentee. She also explained that the State is suggesting we pre-pay for the postage on the return envelopes for the November 2020 election. The State is promising to reimburse jurisdictions for the cost of the pre-paid postage. Tammy said that most of our AV voters return their ballot in-person, so she feels pre-paid postage would be a waste of the States resources.

PFEFFER, HANNIFORD, PALKA ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Greg Durbin made a motion for Bob Hanvey to sign the Engagement Letter from Pfeffer, Hanniford and Palka. Les Andersen seconded.

ROLL CALL: Duane Stokes: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Bob Hanvey: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Dan Lloyd: yes. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

• CRYSTAL WOOD

Dan Lowe has concerns about the funds available in Crystal Wood's escrow account for trees. Dan said that we should not issue any more zoning compliance to Rick Elkow until he has planted all of the trees that he is required to plant or provides the Township with the funds for those trees.

Bob Hanvey said that Dan Lowe needs to inform Rick exactly where those trees are supposed to be planted.

Bob said that he will call Rick Elkow and ask him to get those trees planted.

• PRE-EXISTING LOTS AND EASEMENTS

Dan Lowe said there is currently an easement on the east side of one of his properties and would like for it to be on the west side instead because of where the sewer tap is located. Dan just wanted to clarify that he was allowed to move the easement for his existing lot. He doesn't want there to be any issues later on, so he wanted to verify that this was allowed. Bob Hanvey said that he would be allowed to move the easement because it is an existing parcel.

• STORAGE CONTAINERS AND HOOP HOUSES

Bob Hanvey explained that Cheryl Range from the Planning Commission sent a memo to the Board of Trustees asking if the Board wanted the Planning Commission to work on some language regarding Storage Containers.

Dan Lowe said that he doesn't see an issue with it, as long as it does not turn into a giant project. We just need something simple and straight forward.

Dan Lowe made a motion for the Planning Commission to put together some language for storage containers and also for hoop houses. Duane Stokes seconded.

• HOMETOWN MATTER

Bob Hanvey said that he started reading through the 130-page document that Hometown's Attorney served the Township with. We have 60 days to respond to the document and Bob has made it through the first 50 questions so far. There are about 75 more questions to go through.

- **CITY OF HOWELL MEMORADUM**

Bob Hanvey said that they race track condo is moving right along.

- **PERKINS MUD BOG**

Bob said that The Perkins Mud Bog was cancelled due to the capacity limit currently in effect.

- **LIVINGSTON COUNTY UPDATE**

There is a new Livingston County administrator named Nathan Burd.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

Submitted by: J. Timberlake

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date