

*Approved by: _____
Larry Grunn, Chairperson

Date: _____

**MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2020 / 7:30PM**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Grunn, Chairperson; Bob Hanvey; Cheryl Range, Secretary; Bruce Powelson, Vice Chairman; James Andersen

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Hamann, Zoning Administrator; Melissa, Carlisle Wortman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cheryl motioned to approve the agenda for the September 22, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Jim seconded.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2020.
Jim motioned to approve the minutes. Bruce seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) RZN#01-20 Public Hearing to Rezone Parcel 4710-02-200-008 from Highway Service to Urban Residential at 725 Mason Road

Gary McCririe, representing Dean Killingbeck, the owner of the property at 725 Mason, presented his application request to rezone the parcel and reviewed the requirements from Section 20.05 of the zoning ordinance, items 2 a thru e. The Carlisle Wortman representative went over John Enos's review of the request and recommended approval. No comments from the public were heard and Larry closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

1) RZN#01-20 Request to Rezone Parcel 4710-02-200-008 from Highway Service to Urban Residential at 725 Mason Road

Questions regarding the mobile home park that surrounds the parcel and the history of businesses that operated out of this address in the past, as well as the list from the Michigan Department of Licensing, were discussed. Applicant explained that the owner wishes to sell the house and property, but is having a hard time doing so because mortgage companies will not finance a mortgage for the house because of the way it is zoned.

Cheryl made a motion to approve the request to rezone 725 Mason Road parcel code 4710-02-200-008 from Highway Service to Urban Residential and to forward this request to Livingston County Planning for review and comment. Jim seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

2) Workshop Discussion of ZBA cases and variances from the September Meeting

Larry brought the commissioners up-to-date on the cases that were heard at the ZBA meeting on September 14 and that all were given variances. The variances were in the area of flag lots and cul-de-sacs. Discussion on these and other items, including the changes required for the Engineering Development Standards, were discussed. The suggestion to have a joint meeting with the board members from the ZBA and the Planning Commission would be a good idea to discuss the need to modify the zoning ordinance regarding these variances that were granted.

OLD BUSINESS

1) TXT#01-19 Short-Term Rentals Discussion Continued

Discussion on the status of this item ensued and the commissioners were brought up-to-date on the status of the Triangle Lake situation. Larry mentioned the article in the Legal section of the MTA magazine regarding Short-Term Rentals and several of the commissioners did not have access to the article. Larry suggested Dave send the commissioners a copy of the article to have for the next meeting.

Cheryl made a motion to table this item until October 27, 2020 meeting. Jim Seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Bob mentioned the Lucy Road ZBA case for the City of Howell and that it was going to Circuit Court.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Les Andersen commented on the Joint Meeting idea and talked about ZBA training being required

ADJOURNMENT

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14pm. Jim seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**