

**MARION TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 23, 2024 / 7:30PM**

PC MEMBERS PRESENT: **LARRY GRUNN – CHAIRPERSON
JIM ANDERSON – VICE-CHAIRPERSON
CHERYL RANGE – SECRETARY
BOB HANVEY**

PC MEMBERS ABSENT: **BRUCE POWELSON**

OTHERS PRESENT: **DAVID HAMANN – MARION TWP. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
ZACH MICHELS – TOWNSHIP PLANNER**

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jim Anderson added “Solar CREO” to the agenda under Announcements.

Jim Anderson made a motion to approve the July 23, 2024 agenda as amended. Cheryl Range seconded. **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cheryl Range made a small change to the June 25, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Jim Anderson made a motion to approve the June 25, 2024 Planning Commission minutes as amended. Cheryl Range seconded. **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

CALL TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

No comments were made.

PUBLIC HEARING

TXT# 02-24 3.02, 9.1D2, 17.04A, 17.15, TABLE CONTENT CHANGES

No comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

TXT# 02-24 3.02, 9.1D2, 17.04A, 17.15, TABLE CONTENT CHANGES

Cheryl Range requested that on PAGE 3 of the ordinance, under “Motor Vehicle Repair Facility”, we use the actual term; “breath alcohol ignition interlock device” instead of using the abbreviation “BAIID”.

Bob Hanvey requested that we specify what types of licenses are required and that copies be provided to the Township.

Cheryl Range made a motion to send the ordinance language for *Family and Group Child Care Homes and Motor Vehicle Repair Facilities* to the Livingston County Planning Commission for review and feedback and send to Marion Township Board of Trustees with approval recommendation. Jim Anderson seconded. **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TXT# 01-24 SIGNS

Zach Michels reviewed some of the updates made to our Sign ordinance

- Move “Feathered Signs” to the list of allowed signs
- PAGE 9: add more language to “backlighting”
- PAGE 9 section H: Remove “timer regulations”
- PAGE 9 section G: revise the wording
- PAGE 9: organize by zoning district
- PAGE section D: damaged by more the 60% of the replacement value

Cheryl Range made a motion to extend the meeting past 9:30pm. Larry Grunn seconded. **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LOTS NEW INFORMATION (bring back)

Bob Hanvey asked the Commissioners to review the handout on LOTS and decide whether or not they want to work on this language.

Larry Grunn requested that Zach Michels to bring some language on Lots, to the next Planning Commission meeting.

SPECIAL ORDERS

FEE STRUCTURE AND ESCROW DISCUSSION (bring back)

Bob Hanvey made a motion to postpone discussion on this topic until the next Planning Commission meeting. Jim Anderson seconded. **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLAR FARM DISCUSSION

Jim Anderson discussed some new information from the State regarding Solar Farms. Jim talked about the Planning Commission creating a CREO to prevent solar companies from being able to override our current solar ordinance. However, both our neighboring communities and the County, must also have a CREO in place, in order for ours to be effective.

CALL TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 10:30pm. Larry Grunn seconded. **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Jessica S. Timberlake