

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Fenton, Scott Lloyd, Dan Lowe, Les Andersen, Tammy Beal, Jim Witkowski, and Sandy Donovan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Fenton called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting is also available to attend online.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #7—Pickleball Courts was added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Bill Fenton seconded. **Motion carried.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

CONSENT AGENDA

Two name corrections need to be made to the April 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Bill Fenton motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

DARAKJIAN PROPERTY

The board members discussed the options for this property and the REUs. Jim Witkowski suggested listing it with a commercial broker; Les Andersen mentioned an auction.

Scott Lloyd motioned to have Bill Fenton provide the board members and the attorney with the current offer for this property for review and discussion at the next meeting. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

COON LAKE ROAD ESTIMATE

The Road Commission provided an estimate for improvements to Coon Lake Road from Pingree to Dutcher. The project would be done in conjunction with Iosco Township's Coon Lake Road project. The board members felt there are other roads that need attention. No action taken on this item.

LAKESIDE CEMETERY

Tammy Beal said that former residents who have moved out of the area would like to sell their grave plots back to the township. Sandy Donovan motioned to refund \$1,000 for Lakeside Cemetery Section 295, Graves 5 & 6 W. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy asked the board members if she should continue to bring these requests to the board for approval; the cemetery ordinance does address buying back grave sites. The board members agreed it isn't necessary for them to approve.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Bill Fenton said that none of the candidates who have submitted resumes or been interviewed have any zoning administrator experience. He shared a cover letter from Scott Richardson, who does have some relevant experience.

Scott Richardson introduced himself to the board members. Dan Lowe said he wasn't aware that a candidate would be in attendance so he didn't have any questions prepared. Scott Lloyd asked Mr. Richardson if he has any experience reading blueprints and site plans; Mr. Richardson said yes. Les Andersen asked if he would be willing to attend evening meetings as required; the answer was yes. Scott Lloyd asked whether he is willing to do enforcement; Mr. Richardson said yes.

Bill Fenton motioned to hire Scott Richardson as the zoning administrator at the rate of \$36 per hour. Tammy Beal seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Donovan, Witkowski, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Bill Fenton said he received an email from Phil Westmoreland that requires a response before the next board meeting. The backstop will be relocated to the NE corner, and he had questions about screening, benches, trash cans, and rail covers for the fence. Tammy Beal said that the two houses that are nearest to the courts have garages on the "court" side, so screening may not be necessary. The board members decided to wait to make a decision on screening. They would like four benches, two trash cans, and would like the rail covers on the short fences.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Tammy Beal thanked everyone for their help with the large item collection event. She would like to book a date for next year so that it can be advertised well in advance; the board members agreed.

The Livingston County Planning newsletter is included in the packet.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Lloyd motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date