

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2026**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Attorney; Scott Richardson, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Mazur, Marion Township resident, thanked the board for the nine days of early voting. He also said he would like an update on the paving of the pickleball courts and would like clarification on code enforcement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sandy Donovan motioned to approve the agenda. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The zoning administrator, Scott Richardson, was present to update the board on July's activities. Two Special Use Permit requests have been submitted: one on Pingree Road and one on Sexton Road from Legacy Acres. He also agreed with Mr. Mazur's comment about enforcement. He would like to have some kind of standard operating procedure in place.

NEWBROS, INC. (WOOLY BULLY'S) LIQUOR LICENSE

Mark Roman, 4740 Pinckney Road, was present to ask for the board's approval on licensing for his bar/restaurant. Tammy Beal said she received two letters of support from Joe Roberts and Alan & Jill Cain. Mr. Roman said he has a new lease with a ten-year option with the owner of the hotel. Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to approve a Class C Quota liquor license, SDM Quota liquor license, outside deck for food and beverage, and dance-entertainment, as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Donovan, Witkowski, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

SEWER REU REQUEST

Jaclyn Cleland, 1051 Tracilee, said she would like to use the State of Michigan's SRLP (septic replacement loan program) to help finance her connection to the municipal sewer. John Gormley said the township needs to adopt a policy to accommodate this. He will write a policy for discussion at the next board meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Rick Novak, 5525 W. Coon Lake Road, introduced himself to the board members. After discussion, Tammy Beal motioned to approve the appointment of Rick Novak to the Planning Commission. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

ZBA REPORT

Jim Witkowski reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals heard two cases on August 10: a rear setback request on High Meadows and a side yard setback request on Pinckney Road. Both variances were granted.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

There are some dead trees at the Triangle Lake Park that need to be removed.

No new information from Allied on paving at the Triangle Lake Park.

Tammy Beal has received quotes for bollards for the lower-level parking area.

Scott Lloyd said there's a dead oak out by the road at the hall, and someone should call LCRC.

Tammy Beal met with representatives from HAPRA about the location of the playset.

Discussion on enforcement will be on the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date