

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2025**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Attorney

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.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #6—MHOG Discussion was added to the agenda. Les Andersen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

COON LAKE WEED CONTROL SAD PUBLIC HEARING

Bill Fenton motioned to open the public hearing. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Don Walsh, 4139 Southwoods Dr., and Terence O'Brien, 3731 Pine St., both asked why the amount is \$50,000? Bill Fenton explained that the treatment typically is less, but that would allow for future increases in cost for treatments.

Keith Lewinski, 3981 Southwoods Dr., said the amount this year was in the upper \$30,000s; he's been managing the program and will be turning it over to Dave Blaszcak.

Don Walsh asked if those with more frontage could cause the SAD to not be approved; the answer is yes. He said he feels they should have to pay more.

Bill Fenton closed the public hearing. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Forms to object creation of the district are located in the back of the room.

Tammy Beal motioned to adopt a resolution to approve creation of the Coon Lake Aquatic Weed Control & Goose Management for 2026-2030, as presented. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Donovan, Witkowski, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

CEDAR LAKE WEED CONTROL SAD PUBLIC HEARING

Bill Fenton motioned to open the public hearing. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Alanna Lehman, 4400 Cedar Lake Road, asked the board to explain in simple terms what this SAD is. It was explained that the management of the lake was previously handled by the Livingston County Drain Commission; the residents elected to have an SAD instead.

Harry Valdes, 4615 Parker Drive, asked about the duration of the SAD; it's for five years, 2026-2030.

Ron Livengood, 4555 Parker Drive, said Cedar Lake used to have a bubbler system; he also said that he appreciates the township working with the residents to create the SAD.

Bill Fenton motioned to close the public hearing. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to approve creation of the Cedar Lake Improvement Special Assessment District for 2026-2030, as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. The board members discussed the name of the district and decided it should be Cedar Lake Aquatic Weed Control. Roll call vote: Donovan, Witkowski, Lowe, Lloyd, Beal, Andersen, Fenton—all yes. **Resolution passed 7-0.**

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Scott Lloyd motioned to approve Option B for the 2026 meeting schedule. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Beal—no; Andersen—yes; Donovan—no; Witkowski—yes; Lowe—yes; Lloyd—yes. Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 5-2.**

MHOG DISCUSSION

Dan Lowe wanted the board members to be aware that there is discussion to “pull everything out” of Genoa and combine GO & MHOG. He is concerned about how expenditures will be handled. The attorney should review the agreement. He also said it appears that MHOG would agree to provide water to the data center. This does not benefit our residents.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Trunk or Treat will be held at the township hall on Friday, October 31 from 6-8 pm. Those who would like to pass out candy can come at 5:15 to set up.

The pickleball courts are close to being finished. Although it was depicted on the site plan, there are no fences between courts. They will be adding some type of dividers. A dedication ceremony will be held in April. Scott Lloyd raised concern about the amount of standing water on the courts.

The Putnam Township clerk asked if Marion Township would be interested in sharing the cost of 24/7 sheriff protection for \$113,000 per year. Jim Witkowski and Bill Fenton both felt it isn't necessary.

Vinnie from the Livingston County Road Commission asked that the board members start thinking about road projects for next year. He feels that E. Davis Road and Coon Lake Road between Pingree and Dutcher need attention.

Jim Witkowski asked whether township officials can enter private property without trespassing. The board members discussed; the attorney said that drones and satellite imagery can also be used.

No action yet on the scrap tires in The Meadows.

The Smith case is scheduled for November.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date