MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:	**Scott Lloyd, Les Andersen, Dan Lowe, Jim Witkowski, Sandy Donovan, Tammy Beal, and Bill Fenton**
OTHERS PRESENT:	**John Gormley, Township Attorney; Scott Richardson, Zoning Administrator**
MEMBERS ABSENT:	**None**

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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

No response.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #7—Fred Brown Park was added to the agenda. Tammy Beal motioned motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Les Andersen motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Scott Richardson updated the board members on September's activities. He has a meeting scheduled with Wade Trim and Allen Edwin to discuss Phase 2 of Tamarack. A public hearing for the data center ordinance should be scheduled after October's Planning Commission meeting. He has received five complaints in the past two weeks. Public hearings on two Special Use Permits are scheduled for the October 20 PC meeting.

PFEFFER, HANNIFORD, & PALKA ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Les Andersen motioned to accept the letter of engagement from Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka, as presented, and authorize the clerk/supervisor to sign on the township's behalf. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried**.

REQUEST FOR MARION TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF SHARED DRIVEWAYS

Jim Witkowski said that 15 out of 16 townships in Livingston County allow shared driveways; only Marion Township and the City of Howell do not. He feels the ordinance is too restrictive and an unfair burden on residents. Les Andersen said that shared driveways create problems and the current ordinance was written to prevent problems. Scott Lloyd agreed that shared driveways cause problems. Sandy Donovan said she feels it might be worth revisiting, but is not a priority.

Les Andersen motioned to not have the Marion Township Planning Commission review and explore shared driveways. Scott Lloyd seconded.

Discussion: Jim Witkowski said the main concern should be health and safety and that more driveways equals less safety. He referenced several documents that support his belief. Dan Lowe said a property on County Farm with access on an easement has created issued. Jim Witkowski said that the easement agreement is likely a poorly drafted document.

Roll call vote: Donovan—yes; Witkowski—no; Lowe—yes; Lloyd—yes; Beal—yes; Andersen—yes; Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 6-1**.

BOLLARD QUOTES

Three quotes were received for this project: Debottis Development & Asphalt Seal Coating LLC, Trident Industrial Sytems, and Safeguard Asphalt Solutions LLC.

Les Andersen motioned to select Trident Industrial Systems for $6,765. Scott Lloyd seconded. Roll call vote: Beal—no; Andersen—yes; Donovan—no; Witkowski—no; Lowe—no; Lloyd—yes; Fenton—no. **Motion failed 2-5.**

Tammy Beal motioned to select Debottis Development & Asphalt Seal Coating LLC for $5,200. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Andersen—no; Lowe—yes; Witkowski—yes; Beal—yes; Lloyd—yes; Donovan—yes; Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 6-1**.

FRED BROWN PARK

The board members discussed the need for handicap parking spaces at the Fred Brown Park. Tammy Beal said she will talk with Pat Debottis about designating three spots.

Three quotes were received for this project: Howell Sanitary, Cooper's Landscape Group, and Foxscapes. Sandy Donovan motioned to select Howell Sanitary with a quote of $7,600. Les Andersen seconded. Roll call vote: Donovan, Beal, Andersen, Lloyd, Witkowski, Lowe, Fenton—all yes. **Motion carried 7-0**.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

We are still waiting for fencing quotes.

Due to lack of agenda items and early voting, Tammy Beal motioned to cancel the October 22, 2026 board meeting. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

Les Andersen asked for the status of the cemetery expansion on D-19.

Lakeside Cemetery has been cleaned up after the recent storm. A representative from the Philip Livingston chapter of the DAR has offered a volunteer effort to repair headstones. Tammy Beal will follow-up with her.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried**.

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

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Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date