

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Dan Lowe asked to have discussion about topsoil around the asphalt in the park 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 as presented. Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

ENFORCEMENT

The attorney prepared a draft resolution for discussion. Bill Fenton said he would like #2 “on the complaint of a township official” removed. Dan Lowe said it should be a formal complaint and the person’s name shouldn’t be required. Jim Witkowski said this ordinance is inappropriate for a rural community. Bill Fenton said the proposal ordinance does not give full access to the property without the owner’s permission. John Gormley said in the past, the “policy” has been that violation were complaint driven, but that’s not what the ordinance says, and the “policy” cannot trump what’s written in the ordinance.

Public Comment

The following residents commented on the proposal draft enforcement ordinance: Tim Ryan, Scott Hiltunen, Debra-Wiedman Clawsen, Patty Hostine, Joe Mazur, Catherine Dyer, Steven Roeske, and Pat Stachowiak commented on the proposed draft enforcement ordinance.

Les Andersen motioned to adopt a resolution to establish a township policy for zoning administrator enforcement activity, as presented by the attorney, with amendments. Sandy Donovan seconded. Roll call vote: Lowe—no; Lloyd—yes; Beal—yes; Donovan—yes; Witkowski—no; Andersen—yes; Fenton—yes. **Motion carried 5-2.**

FRED BROWN PARK FENCING/TOPSOIL

Dan Lowe said stone and topsoil should be added along the edges, smoothed out and reseeded. Tammy Beal asked Scott Lloyd and Dan Lowe to give her the specifications and she will get estimates.

Fence

Bobby Hopman lives adjacent to the park and they are having issues with people trespassing on their property. He would like some type of barrier to present this. Tammy Beal said there is a split-rail fence that needs repairing. Mr. Hopman said he wouldn't mind a chain-link fence along the back of the property and part of the side, and repairs to the existing split-rail fence. Tammy Beal will get estimates for 2-3 options and bring back to the board. Dan Lowe said the pickleball courts could use some trees on the perimeter.

CORRESPONDENCE & UPDATES

Paving has been done at the pickleball courts; the striping hasn't yet been done.

Tammy Beal said that 3,027 absentee ballots were mailed out this week.

The township audit is scheduled for next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

William Fenton, Township Supervisor Date