

**MARION TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2026 / 7:30PM**

PC MEMBERS PRESENT: JIM ANDERSON – CHAIRPERSON
LARRY FILLINGER – VICE CHAIRPERSON
CHERYL RANGE – SECRETARY
SCOTT LLOYD
BRUCE POWELSON

PC MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: SCOTT RICHARDSON – ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
ZACH MICHELS – TOWNSHIP PLANNER

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

All Planning Commissioners are present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cindy Alesso is a Marion Township resident and made a comment on the proposed chicken ordinance.

Joe Mazur is a Marion Township resident and made a comment on the proposed chicken ordinance and the proposed data center language.

Jennifer Provencal is a Marion Township resident and made a comment on the proposed chicken ordinance, the Planning Commission’s agenda process and the Township selling land to builders.

Les Andersen is a Marion Township resident and made a comment on the ticketing process from local police for chickens being in the road.

APPROVAL OF MAY 26, 2026 AGENDA:

Jim Anderson requested to amend the May 26, 2026 agenda under Old Business as follows: #1 Storage Containers ordinance language; #2 Chicken ordinance language; #3 Hyper Scale Data Center language and Letter from Sean Webber. Jim Anderson made a motion to approve the May 26, 2026 agenda as amended. Larry Fillinger seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2026 MINUTES:

Larry Fillinger made a motion to approve the April 28, 2026 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Jim Anderson seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**



PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) TXT# 01-26 STORAGE CONTAINERS

No comments were made during public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) DISCUSSION ON TXT# 01-26 STORAGE CONTAINER ORDINANCE CHANGES

The Planning Commission discussed changes to the following sections of the ordinance:

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Larry Fillinger, Jim Anderson, Scott Richardson and Zach Michels will make the discussed changes and then send to the Livingston County Planning Department for review. Once the LCPD has finished reviewing and providing comment, it will come back to the Planning Commission for review and discussion.

Larry Fillinger made a motion to send the TXT #01-26 Storage Containers ordinance to the Livingston County Planning Department for review and comment and then back to the Planning Commission for review and public comment. Cheryl Range seconded.

Roll Call: Powelson: NO; Range: YES; Fillinger: YES; Anderson: YES; Lloyd: YES **4-1 MOTION CARRIED**

2) DISCUSSION ON CHICKEN ORDINANCE

Zach Michels addressed some of the concerns expressed by the public about the proposed chicken ordinance. Zach explained that currently our chicken ordinance does not allow parcels that are 2 acres or less to keep livestock (including chickens) on their property. This newly proposed language allows chickens on parcels that are 2 acres or less, with certain restrictions. Zach and the Planning Commission discussed further changes made to the ordinance.

Larry Fillinger made a motion to have Scott Richardson and Zach Michels make the discussed changes to the proposed Chicken ordinance and bring back to the next Planning Commission meeting for review and public comment. Cheryl Range seconded.

5-0 MOTION CARRIED

3) DISCUSSION OF HYPER SCALE DATA CENTER ORDINANCE UPDATES AND SEAN WEBBER LETTER

Jim Anderson said that Scott Richardson received a letter from Sean Webber and it contained a lot of good information.

Jim Anderson suggested that he, Scott Richardson and Zach Michels get together and work on incorporating some of Mr.

Webber's suggestions into our Data Center ordinance and then bring the changes back to the Planning Commission for review.

Cheryl Range made a motion to have Jim Anderson, Scott Richardson and Zach Michels incorporate some of the suggestions in Mr. Sean Webber's letter into our Data Center ordinance and then bring the changes back to the Planning Commission for review. Jim Anderson seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES:

Jessica Timberlake explained to the Public that before every public township meeting the meeting agenda and packet is posted on the website, one week prior to scheduled meeting.

APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cindy Alesso is a Marion Township resident and thanked the Planning Commission for engaging with the public throughout the meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 9:45pm. Cheryl Range seconded.

5-0 MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Jessica S. Timberlake

APPROVED