

**MARION TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2026 / 7:30PM**

PC MEMBERS PRESENT: LARRY FILLINGER – *CHAIRPERSON*
CHERYL RANGE – *SECRETARY*
SCOTT LLOYD
BRUCE POWELSON

PC MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: SCOTT RICHARDSON – *ZONING ADMINISTRATOR*

CALL TO ORDER:

Larry Fillinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

All Planning Commissioners are present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment was made by the public.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 23, 2026 AGENDA:

Cheryl Range made a motion to approve the June 23, 2026 agenda as amended. Bruce Powelson seconded. **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MAY 26, 2026 MINUTES:

Larry Fillinger asked to make a change on page 2 under agenda item #1, in the second paragraph, it should say "Jim Anderson" instead of "Larry Fillinger". Cheryl Range made a motion to approve the May 26, 2026 Planning Commission minutes as amended. Larry Fillinger seconded. **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL PR# 01-26 MAYBERRT FARM WAY

Joe Mazur is a Marion Township resident and is requesting approval to split off his five-acre parcel so he can create a private road, since the Township's zoning ordinance does not allow shared driveways.

Cheryl Range made a motion recommending approval to the Township Board of Trustees for PR# 01-26 Mayberry Farm Way, with the conditions and comments from outside agencies. Larry Fillinger seconded.

Roll Call: Lloyd: YES; Range: YES; Fillinger: YES; Powelson: YES **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

1) DISCUSSION OF HYPER SCALE DATA CENTER ORDINANCE UPDATES

Bruce Powelson discussed different lighting options for parking lots. Bruce recommended a 6000k lighting option instead of the 5000k. Scott Lloyd said that 6000k would be too bright for outdoor lighting.

Scott Lloyd made a motion to postpone further discussion until the Board hires a Planner to help create ordinance language. Larry Fillinger seconded.

Roll Call: Lloyd: YES; Range: YES; Fillinger: YES; Powelson: YES; **4-0 MOTION CARRIED**

Erin Derry is a Marion Township resident and asked if someone is trying to put in a data center in Marion Township. Larry Fillinger said that no one has applied to put in a data center in Marion Township, however the Planning Commission is trying to be proactive and create language that allows the Township to regulate any potential data centers in the future.

Mark Cartiea is a resident of Marion Township and inquired about data centers in Marion's wellhead protection area. Scott Lloyd stated that this ordinance prohibits data centers in our well-protected area.

Joe Mazur is a resident in Marion Township and thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work and appreciates all their efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES:

Scott Richardson said that Putnam Township is updating their Master Plan and is asking Marion Township for any comments or feedback.

Cheryl Range wanted to thank previous Planning Commission members for all their hard work and dedication over the years.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Cartiea resides in Marion Township and asked if the Township protects the removal of certain types of trees within the Township. Scott Richardson stated that residents can remove whatever tree they want on their own property.

ADJOURNMENT:

Cheryl Range made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:20 p.m. Larry Fillinger seconded.

4-0 MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Jessica S. Timberlake