

**MARION TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2026 / 7:30PM**

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

PC MEMBERS ABSENT: BRUCE POWELSON

OTHERS PRESENT: SCOTT RICHARDSON – *ZONING ADMINISTRATOR*
MARTHA HAGLUND – *LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT*

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

~~All Planning Commissioners are present.~~ All Planning Commissioners were present except Bruce Powelson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment was made by the public.

APPROVAL OF JULY 21, 2026, AGENDA:

Cheryl Range made a motion to approve the July 21, 2026, agenda as amended. Scott Lloyd seconded. **3-0 MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 23, 2026, MINUTES:

Cheryl Range made a motion to approve the June 23, 2026, Planning Commission minutes as presented. Larry Fillinger seconded. **3-0 MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

1) WORK SESSION ON HYPER-SCALE DATA CENTER ORDINANCE

A) NO DECISIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THIS MEETING

Larry Fillinger said the Board of Trustees plans to extend the Moratorium through February 2027 at the July 24, 2026, Board meeting.

Martha Haglund with the LCPD provided some considerations for the Township's Data Center Ordinance.

Data Center Sizes: Martha explained that the Planning Commission should consider creating different languages for different sized data centers: Accessory Data Center, Large-Scale Data Center and Hyper-Scale Data Center. Larry Fillinger suggested creating one language for all sizes.

Lighting: The Commissioners discussed different lighting regulations.

Battery Storage: Scott Lloyd said that it should not be permitted as an accessory use, but only as a principal use.

Parking: Larry and Scott Llyod suggested going with an alternative option B.

Required Application Materials: The Commissioners like existing conditions 1-17. They also agreed to add 18-24 to the language.

Monitor and Reporting: The Commissioners like existing conditions 1-6.

Host Community Agreement and Fees: Larry and Scott Lloyd would like Martha to gather more information on requiring fees and what the money will be spent on. Scott does not want to use the money on things the Township already has to pay for such as, DTE, and MHOG.

Scott Richardson will get some feedback from Attorney John Gormley on section F1.

Permitted Location: Sewer and water are not permitted in the first overlay district. Martha said the Township would be obligated to give them water and sewer if they paid for it otherwise it would be considered exclusionary zoning. The Commissioners discussed different location options throughout the Township.

Scott would like to see Howell Township's data center ordinance. Martha said that Tyrone Township and Green Oak Township are currently working on a Data Center ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES:

No comments were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident discussed an issue that needs to be discussed with the Township Assessor and Board of Review.

ADJOURNMENT:

Cheryl Range made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:58 p.m. Larry Fillinger seconded.

4-0 MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Jessica S. Timberlake