

**MARION TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2025 / 7:30PM**

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

PC MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

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



CALL TO ORDER:
Larry Grunn called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

CALL TO PUBLIC:
No comments were made.



APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2025 AGENDA:
Bruce Powelson made a motion to approve the December 16, 2025 agenda as presented. Jim Anderson seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025 MINUTES:
Cheryl Range made a motion to approve the November 25, 2025 Planning Commission minutes as presented. Larry Grunn seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:
1) **STORAGE CONTAINERS**
A. **USES OTHER THAN STORAGE**
Commissioners discussed the language that was created to regulate the use of storage containers in May 2022. This language was given to John Gormley for review, and it did not move forward from there.
Commissioners reviewed the language from Howell Township Article 14.07.
Commissioners agreed to create a spreadsheet to start tracking language and ordinance changes.

NEW BUSINESS:
1) **COMMITTEE TO CREATE NEW ORDINANCE**
Commissioners discussed the Marion Township Board’s decision to create a new Zoning ordinance. The Board voted to draw a line in the sand, get a canned ordinance and modify it to fit the township’s needs. They decided to form a committee to work on this. The committee would include Jim Witkowski, Jim Anderson, Scott Richardson, Larry Fillinger, and Dean Blanchard.

APPROVED

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Commissioners discussed the Township's language on fences and wild and livestock animals.

The Township planner explained there is a difference between an emotional support animal and a service animal.

Commissioners asked to see language explaining the difference between emotional support animals and service animals at the next Planning Commission meeting.

The Zoning administrator gave an update on the Township's new Private Road ordinance. He explained that it is in the Livingston County Planning Commissions packet for their upcoming meeting on December 17, 2025. After the County provides their feedback it will go to the Marion Township Board for comments and review. It will then go to the Township Attorney for final review.

CORRESPONDENCE AND UPDATES:

A Commissioner shared that his sister has finished the conservation easement for her 35 acres.

Commissioners were reminded about the Parliamentary Procedure training at the Township on January 15, 2026 from 4pm-8pm.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Les Andersen is a Marion Township resident and addressed the Commissioners about having cows under *the right to farm* act. The Township Planner and Commissioners discussed permitted agriculture in specific districts within the Township.

Catherine Dyer expressed her gratitude to the Commissioners for their notes on storage containers and to the resident who finished the conservation easement for her property. She also mentioned Brighton Township's chicken ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:30pm. Larry Grunn seconded. **5-0 MOTION CARRIED**

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Jessica S. Timberlake