

# Marilla Planning Commission Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 6:30

Opening: Mike Picciotti, chair

Present: Pat Ellis, Steve Vegter, Mike Picciotti, Jan Thomas, and Misty Cudney Z.A. Absent: 0

Review of the December 14, 2022 minutes: motion to approve (Mike), 2 (Steve); approved

Old business:

Notification to Township property owners regarding enforcement of our junk ordinance: This will be a two-step process. By the end of February, the Z.A., Misty Cudney will send out postcards to all residents stating that the Township will be working on enforcing our junk ordinance and they will be referred to the copy of said ordinance posted on the Township website. That will be followed up with a letter that will be more direct and detailed.

Discussion of our Master Plan review:

Thus far we have not located an editable copy of the document. Misty will continue searching. If one is not retrievable, we may need to type and edit the document ourselves. We will try a teamwork approach for accomplishing this. We will meet on March 15, at 6:30. At that meeting, we will determine our font and formatting style. We will continue to work on our process direction. It was suggested that we bring our laptops with us to the next meeting. This meeting will be a "work meeting".

Temporary trailers: Enforcing the regulations regarding length of time that a temporary trailer can remain on a property is difficult to enforce. One suggestion is that trailer owners should be subject to obtaining a permit for a nominal fee. In doing so, the township would have a record of occupancy on the property and therefore could enforce the code. Misty will do some research to find out how other townships regulate temporary trailers.

New business:

Discussion of the problem created when the setback regulation was eliminated. It's causing complications for the zoning process now that property owners can build anywhere on their properties. Misty has concerns about a problem that we unknowingly created when the change was made. We will keep this in mind for future consideration when changes are made to zoning regulations. Motion to adjourn: (1) Mike (2) Steve; carried ; adjourned at 8:27 pm

Next meeting: March 15, 6:30

