

Marilla Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: March 30, 2023

Opening: Chair (absent)

Present: Steve Vegter, Pat Ellis, Misty Cudney, Jan Thomas

Absent: Mike Picchiotti

Approval of March 15th minutes with correction of the spelling of Jared's last name (change Ditwiller to Litwiller): (1)Pat Ellis (2)Steve Vegter; motion carried

Old Business:

- Data needed for Chapter 3 in order to complete it: Steve has contacted Jared Litwiller to secure necessary data. The following information has been requested: increase or decrease of parcels deemed agricultural from 2018, number of residential parcels, and number of state/federal parcels (increase or decrease) since 2018.
- Regarding maps: Misty will contact the county offices about having needed maps made. Misty will talk to Mike Szcola (sp.?) at the county level about obtaining a "residential housing locations map" needed for section 3-2.2.
- Regarding mailed postcard to property owners regarding enforcement of blight regulations: Misty has received one complaint and was contacted regarding an address change.

We moved on to new business and will continue with the Master Plan updating process at succeeding meetings.

New Business:

- We will work on developing a budget for the Planning Commission to present at the budget planning meeting in June.
- Misty would like some help with identifying non-complying properties regarding blight. She will divide the township into quarters (4 sections) and members can canvas one of those quarters. Misty gave each member copies of a prepared complaint form to use.
- We will table dealing with temporary trailers for now in order to concentrate on blight issues.
- We discussed creating a "resource list" that would show options for assistance with clean-up. We were each asked to think about the content of this list and bring ideas to

the next meeting. Misty suggested that we might consider using some ARPA funds to bring a “tire recycling” service to Marilla Township for our property owners.

- We do have regulations regarding vacant homes that have been long vacated and at some point down the road will deal with that issue.
- We need to bring our Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance book with us to meetings to use as a reference.
- Misty gave us copies of a “County Base Map” which shows all parcels in Marilla Township.
- Misty has some concerns about how the split process works and has received a request to split one acre off an 11 acre parcel on which there is a residence. An intact 10 acre parcel would be left. We need to review the portion of our ordinance regarding making “splits”. State guidelines also need consideration. Misty will speak with our assessor and with Mike S. at the county level about this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35: (1)Steve (2) Pat; carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Thomas, sect’y

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:30