

Marilla Township Planning Commission Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 6:30

Present: Jan Thomas, Pat Ellis, Mike Pichiotti, Misty Cudney, and Steve Vegter

Absent: none

The minutes of the March 30th minutes were read and approved: Pat (1), Steve (2)

Old business:

Data collected from various sources including from M. Township Assessor, Jared Ditwiller: After reviewing the sources we have, it was decided that we would only utilize data from the 2010 and 2020 census information. We will not use any of the American Fat finder data.

Chapter 3: Steve will try to create a spread sheet that focus how land use has changed in the last 5 years (section 3-2.2).

Chapter 4-1: We continued work on this chapter including correcting typos, misspellings, and eliminated some unnecessary language. For pg. 23, a Marilla township map is available through the Manistee Co. Planning Dept. Page 27 is considered done at this point. New graphs will be created for pg. 28.

New business:

Misty reported that our Zoning Plan relating to the Nuisance Ordinance requires that letters to address blight sent to residences must be sent by certified mail. Our lawyer and the Michigan Township Association advise that this is not a good idea. A person can refuse to sign for such a letter. They are more likely to open regular mail. We will need to amend portions of the plan that require "certified" mail. This will taken to the Township Board at their next meeting.

Misty has 5 blight complaints that are ready to be sent out. She said that she can only deal with the complaints in groups of five at any one time. Otherwise the process becomes too burdensome.

Pole Barn occupancy: We believe that some are taking up residency in pole barns without an occupancy permit.

Mike shared with the group that he will soon have surgery and not be available for some time. He will seek someone to help out until he can resume participation.

Next meeting: Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:30. Meeting adjourned: Mike (1),Pat (2); carried.

