

MINUTES OF THE MARILLA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Marilla Township Hall – March 22, 2018

The Meeting of the Marilla Township Planning Commission held at the Marilla Township Hall was called to order at 1:30 pm by J. Louis Hughes, Chr. of the Planning Commission.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL: Planning Commission-- Louis Hughes, Chr., Betty Buda-Joy, Sec'y., Patricia Ellis, and Gary Cilman were present. Janice Thomas, absent. Visitors: Rob Carson, AICP Manistee County Planning Director.

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Pat Ellis, support Gary Cilman to open this portion of the meeting for the Public Hearing of the proposed Marilla Township 2018 Master Plan Revision. Carried. There being no questions and/or discussion, motion by J. Louis Hughes, support Betty Buda-Joy to close the Public Hearing. Carried.

Motion by J. Louis Hughes, support Gary Cilman that the Marilla Township Planning Commission approve, by Resolution, the Marilla Township Master Plan 2018-2023 as a guideline for generating land use policy for the residents of Marilla Township and recommends adoption of the Master Plan by the Marilla Township Board. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Louis Hughes, support Patricia Ellis that the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting be approved and ordered placed on file. Carried.

BILLS: None.

BUSINESS:

1. **Need of Cell Tower in Marilla Township:** Reference- Article 16, Section 16.05 (pp. 50-51) of the Marilla Township Zoning Ordinance 2014. Regarding our prior discussions to continue our search for a company who may have a potential interest in putting up a cell tower in Marilla Township, we asked Rob Carson to help us with this problem. Update today, Chr. Hughes has spoken with Lisa Leedy, AES Executive Director, as well as Christopher Verenhorst of Eclipse Communications regarding broadband communication. Mr. Verenhorst will be looking at various locations in the township for possible sites to erect a tower.

2. **Marilla Township Park:** Following much discussion, motion by J. Louis Hughes, support Patricia Ellis that the Marilla Township Planning Commission makes the following recommendations to the Marilla Township Board:

- a. Keep the Park and apply for grants to make it useable for children and adults.
- b. New Pavilion
- c. New picnic tables
- d. Grills
- e. New playground equipment
- f. One-half basketball court
- g. Pickle-ball court
- h. Unisex bathroom
- i. Cyclone fence surrounding with small gate from parking area
- j. Parking Area, paved from Marilla Road up to the fence
- k. Do not mail survey

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Motion Carried.

NOTE: Rob Carson suggested Lisa Leedy, AES Director be contacted for writing Grants to the DNR as well as other sources.

3. Next meeting: **June 14, 2018, 1:30 pm at Marilla Township Hall.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Buda-Joy, Secretary