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## Marilla Township Planning Commission Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Opening; Mike Picchiotti

Present: Steve Vegter, Mike Picchiotti, Jan Thomas, Sonny Rewerts, Misty Cudney Z.A.

Absent: Pat Ellis

Motion to approve the April 2, 2024 minutes: Steve (1) Sonny (2); approved

### Old business:

- Master Plan update:

Changes to the text of the document have been accomplished following members proofing of text. The remaining proofing of chapters 6 and 7 need doing. Mike will do that and get back to Misty. Graphs and tables are being worked on. The Marilla Township Future land Use Map has been printed by the Manistee Co. Planning Commission's office at a cost of \$180 to the Township. For now, we will use our current land use map. **\*the cost includes the maps provided for the use in the 2023-2024 master plan.**

- Blight update:

The Wilbur property on Beers Rd. has been sold and has new owners that Misty has met.

Finan property on Bigge Rd. has filled two dumpsters within the past 3 weeks and still has a long way to go in order to be compliant with the ordinance. We will wait until the July meeting to assess the progress. If no or little progress is made, further action will be necessary. Mike will talk to the owner.

Kuttilla property on Yates Rd. has many vehicles and we need to explore this violation more.

Pat Bower property on the corner of Yates and 13 Mi. Rd. is seeing limited progress, but needs close monitoring. A letter will be sent to him.

Corner of 13 Mi. Rd. and Marilla Rd. has new owners named the Fergusons. Mike will have a talk with them.

Other properties to monitor are:

Gary Cilman property on Bigge Rd. and the Darryl Howes property on Marilla Rd.

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We discussed developing a progress timeline system for property owners regarding blight.

- Misty reported that the results of the Township survey indicated that the majority of those who completed the survey desire to keep the township rural.

New business:

- Photos for Master Plan: We will not place Township photos in the plan at this time. In the future, we may consider placing some good quality photos.
- Property within 2 different zones: when this property is split, it presents some issues regarding where a building may be placed. A building can be constructed only within the “yellow strip” section along the road. *\*Is this effected by the removal of the 300 ft rule?*
- Significant dates: August 17 ‘Clean Sweep’, Hazardous Waste, July 27 at BARC in Kaleva for tire disposal.
- Training: Steve took special training in township matters. He learned that a township only needs to review the Master Plan every 5 years and must be redone every 20 years. So ours will need to be redone in 2039.

Motion to close the meeting: Mike (1) Jan (2); carried

Next meeting: July 2, 2024