

ORDINANCE # 2012-67

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING A TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT THEREOF; SETTING FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH PLANNING COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS AND SPECIFICALLY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-63, AND RESOLUTION NO. 2002-6.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Marion Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the provisions contained in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and in order to carry the said provisions into effect, there is hereby created in the Township a Planning Commission which shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by law and any other powers vested in it by law or ordinance.

SECTION 2: The Township Planning Commission shall consist of three (3) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out their commission duties outside the township. The Planning Commission Secretary shall be compensated for all meetings he/she attends per the amount of compensation set by the Marion Township Board of Supervisors at the annual reorganization meeting.

SECTION 3: The Township Planning Commission shall make a monthly report and/or an annual report available to the Board of Supervisors showing their transactions and recommendations. They may employ planning technicians and other persons whose salaries and wages, together with other necessary expenses of the Commission shall be provided for, with prior approval of the Board of Supervisors, by proper appropriations and resolutions.

SECTION 4: The Planning Commission shall have the power and duty to make, adopt and maintain a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the Township and the surrounding territory. Said comprehensive plan shall include among other things a land use plan, a thoroughfare plan, a community facilities plan and a public improvements program. In the preparation of the comprehensive plan the Commission should study population trends, existing land use, the economic base, traffic, existing thorough fare system and other factors related to the development of the community. The purpose of the comprehensive plan should be to accomplish a coordinated and harmonious development of the community and its environs in accordance with present and future needs. The Commission would have the continuing responsibility for maintaining the comprehensive plan in an up-to-date condition, and in so doing would review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on all ordinances which pertain to the physical development of the Township.

SECTION 5: The Planning Commission shall serve as the Zoning Commission and may, in pursuance of its duties, prepare or cause to be prepared a Zoning Ordinance for consideration of the Board of Supervisors. The Commission shall have a continuing responsibility to review the ordinance and make recommendations as to proposed amendments.

SECTION 6: The Planning Commission may prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors land subdivision regulations. The Commission shall assist the Board of Supervisors to administer said regulations by reviewing and recommending to the Board of Supervisors action to be taken on subdivisions submitted in accordance to established procedures.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance is a re-enactment, without substantial change, of a previous Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of Marion Township. (Original Ordinance # 4)

SECTION 8: All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are

hereby repealed.

SECTION 9: With approval of the Board of Supervisors, and by a majority vote of the Planning Commission, the number of members may be increased to five (5) members.

ENACTED, ordained and passed by the Board of Supervisors of Marion Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, this 15th day of November, 2012.

MARION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jack Aberegg, Chairman

Kenneth L. Roan, Vice Chairman

Herbert Chapman