

December 1, 2025

The Marion township board of zoning appeals held its regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2025.

Members present at the meeting were Jeff Hack, Charles Hall, Cindy Rinker, and Michael Stewart. Karen McCleary, Marion Township Trustee, Jeff Cummins, Zoning Inspector, Evelyn Warr-Omness, from Regional Planning Commission, and Caroline Kimmel, representing the applicants, were also present.

Public Hearing

Caroline Kimmel presented the variance request by Mark and Kelly Lawrence for property located at 1419 Harding Highway East, Marion, Ohio. The variance request is to reduce the required parking spaces from two spaces per dwelling (unit) or from 144 total spaces to 128 total spaces. Ms. Kimmel the request has been revised to 133 parking spaces instead of 128. Ms. Warr-Omness advised that Regional Planning had approved the request. A question was asked regarding fencing around the retention pond. Ms. Kimmel advised that there would be fencing around the retention pond. Mr. Hack asked about sidewalk to State Route 309, and Ms. Kimmel responded there would not be a sidewalk to 309. Mr. Stewart asked if they intended to have less than 2 parking spaces per apartment and Ms. Kimmel responded that they were only asking for a reduction of eleven spaces. Mr. Hack asked how wide the main drive would be and Ms. Kimmel advised the exact measurement was unavailable, but that the Fire Chief had approved of it.

Charles Hall made a motion to approve the variance request, and Cindy Rinker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted "yes". The public hearing was then concluded.

Chairman Stewart asked for the reading of the November 2025, meeting minutes. Cindy Rinker made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Jeff Hack seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Communications: None received.

Old Business: None discussed.

New Business: Ms. McCleary advised that Todd Hunt is reappointed for another term on the Board. Michael Stewart nominated Cindy Rinker as Chairman for 2026, and Charles Hall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted "yes". Michael Stewart nominated Todd Hunt as Vice-Chairman for 2026, and Charles Hall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all voted "yes".

Jeff Cummins advised of an upcoming variance request for a pole barn on Barford Road. The height of the building will be above what is allowed. If the application is received the variance request will be heard at the January meeting. Discussion was held on enforcement of violations to the Zoning Code. Karen McCleary will contact the Prosecutor's Office regarding enforcement of violations.

Casey's gas station has contacted the secretary about a variance request for a sign. The request will be heard in January if the application is received in time.

Other Business: None discussed.

As there was no other business to discuss, Cindy Rinker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Charles Hall seconded the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sidle
Secretary