

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular meeting minutes

February 6, 2024

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Matt Little called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Matt Little, Karen Flahie, Susan Ochs and Mike Bossory. Dan Schaible was absent. Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann was also present.

A motion was made by Bossory with support from Little to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Little made a motion with support from Bossory to dispense with the reading of the January 2, 2024 meeting minutes and approve them as presented. The motion passed.

Reports: Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann said they had passed a burn ordinance. On March 18 there will be a presentation at the Township Hall on solar. DTE will be in the area trimming trees. The roof has been completed on the Pleasant Lake School building. The ZBA did not meet. Chairman Little said the permits are getting updated for haul routes but he hasn't heard anything more.

Audience participation: Nothing

New Business:

- 1) Gravel Pit Reports. Kayla Deciechi from American Aggregates/Pleasant Lake Aggregates gave the report. 392,114 tons of gravel was extracted from the site in 2023. No reclamation was done and none is planned for 2024. All bonds are current. They expect to begin work on the ridge in 2025. Flahie asked if PFAS testing could be done. This will have to be looked into and will be done at the next meeting. A motion was made by Little with support from Flahie to accept this report. The motion passed.

James Campbell gave the report for Michigan Materials & Aggregate, Stoneco Burmeister. 762,415 tons of gravel was extracted from the site in 2023. No reclamation was done.

A motion was made by Little with support from Ochs to accept this report. The motion passed.

James Campbell gave the report for Michigan Materials & Aggregate, Stoneco Pleasant Hills (Pit 9). No materials were extracted from the pit in 2023. No reclamation was done. They expect to commence mining in 3 to 5 years. It was asked if the EGLE Permit for the lake expires. James did not know but will find out. A motion was made by Little with support from Bossory to accept this report. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- 1) Stoneco Conditional Use Application for Mining Expansion at Burmeister Site. An updated mining plan has been requested. Little received a call from Bethel Church's Attorney. Little brought him up to date on the past history. The Attorney didn't think he would have anything ready for tonight's meeting.
- 2) Master Plan Review. Planner Rodney Nanney was absent so this will be discussed at the next meeting.

- 3) Barn Sanctuary PUD. Updates were received but got too late for this meeting. It will be on next months agenda.
- 4) Review Commercial Renewable Energy Installations. This will be on next months agenda.

Communications: MTA

Audience Participation: Nothing

A motion was made by Bossory with support from Flahie to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Recording Secretary