

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular meeting minutes

March 5, 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, Dan Schaible, Karen Flahie and Susan Ochs. Mike Bossory was absent. Planner Rodney Nanney, Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann and Engineer Marcus McNamara were also in attendance.

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

Flahie made a motion with support from Ochs to dispense with the reading of the February 6, 2024 meeting minutes and approve them as presented. The motion passed.

Reports: Wolverine Pipeline is looking into putting a fence up at their property. American Aggregates/Levy haul route has been approved. Jessica Roberts wondered why nothing had been done with the grant money the Township received, but the Township has done something with it. The Michigan Public Service Commission has another session for solar. A gentleman called Matt who is interested in buying property on Ellsworth and Lima Center Roads; it's about 40 acres. ZBA did not meet. Supervisor Lindemann said there will be a solar presentation on March 18 at the Town hall 7:00 p.m. At the Supervisors meeting they talked about a CREO ordinance. The Washtenaw County Construction Authority is looking for part time help. Larry Lindemann and Denny Huehl met with the Washtenaw County Road Commission on January 24 to discuss road projects to be done in the Township. A first aide kit was purchased for the Town hall. The Board of Review will be meeting. There will be a budget hearing at the next Township Board meeting. The County Road gravel pit on Bethel Church Road is not doing any mining just cleaning it up.

Audience participation: None

New Business:

- 1) Postiff Boundary Adjustments. There are a lot of issues. They are working to get things completed.
- 2) Cappaert-Boone Land Split. Rodney went over his report. Because it is an LLC we need to find out if Marc D Boone has the authority to authorize this land division application, This will be on next months meeting agenda.

Old Business:

- 1) Stoneco Conditional Use Application for mining expansion at Burmeister site. An updated site map was sent to Engineer Marcus McNamara. Stoneco was asked to forward the new site map and an explanation of what is being changed to both Marcus and Rodney.
- 2) Barn Sanctuary PUD. Rodney gave a report. Rodney feels they have addressed what they were asked to change. The new information was given to the Planning Commission members to look over and will be discussed at the next meeting. They were asked about funding and they said everything comes from individuals.
- 3) Review Commercial Renewable Energy Installations. Rodney spoke on this. There is a narrow window that the Township could act on. The Township Ordinance cannot be greater than the State one. He feels it is best to leave this alone and let the State handle it.
- 4) Master Plan Review. Just talked about solar.

A question was asked last month about PFAS testing by the gravel pits. PFAS testing is not required currently from the Township or EGLE so it is not being done. Our Engineer said that what the gravel pits are doing in their operations does not effect this.

Communications: MTA

Audience Participation: Robert Huehl spoke on the number of signatures needed on a petition from Citizens for Local Choice to get on the ballot.

Gravel Pit Tours will be on April 20, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at American Aggregates/Levy.

A motion was made by Little with support from Schaible to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Recording Secretary