

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 12th, 2016 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Schaible Huehl

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Change to Agenda:

4. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Schaible supported by Layher to:
Approve the June 14, 2016 Township Board minutes.

Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Bristle supported by Schaible to: Approve June 14, 2016 Treasurers report.
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Bristle, Layher, Schaible, Weidmayer, Huehl Nay: none CARRIED

6. Communications: June Sheriff report had 16 calls- 5 were handled by the state, Washtenaw Co. responded to 4 and 7 were cleared. MTA on the road meetings will be in Chelsea on September 28th. Michigan Twp Focus magazine was received.

7. Public Comment:

8. Reports:

Planning Commission report: Meeting was held on June 28th. Boundary Adjustment for Zecman's was approved. Boundary adjustment for Cornell's was approved but p.c. asked for additional information- property needed to be re-surveyed to confirm proper acreage. The proposed Fence Ordinance Amendments were reviewed and the privacy screening language was taken out. They went over the rest such as lot and density calculation including the lake bottom and setbacks on water front lots and were happy with moving forward to set up a public hearing date. The public hearing will be August 4th at 7:00pm at the town hall with the planning commission meeting afterward at 7:30pm. The p.c. rescinded their previous denial for the Rose's land division and boundary adjustment since they went before the ZBA and were granted a variance. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin reported he spoke with Tony Griffin and he is not running a repair business out of his home. There were only 3 jet skis on his property and he owns them all. Lon Nordeen asked if there was a checklist that Alvin used to follow up on complaints. The response was no so the clerk will work on putting something together. Alvin is keeping an eye on a barn at 10174 Scio Church Rd. It is right on the township boundary line.

Zoning Inspector: Two new zonings. A pole barn at 12240 Bethel Church Rd. and a new house at 11788 Hieber Rd. Motion to approve that Non Profits and Government agencies shall receive a 25% discount on all permits up to \$20,000 of construction cost value, on projects greater than \$20,000 permits shall be based on the Authorities cost. Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Weidmayer, Huehl, Layher, Schaible, Bristle Nay: none CARRIED

There was a meeting on July 8th at 9755 Ellsworth Rd. between the Streeters, their attorney, Jim Coval, Dale Weidmayer and the townships attorney to discuss how to bring the fence into compliance with the township's ordinance. Christy Dykins voiced that she hopes this is corrected quickly as it is affecting her from moving forward with plans for her property. She added that the Streeters flood light on their house shines into rooms on her house and that their propane tank is 7 ft from the property line and the township ordinance says it should be at least 10 ft away. The township board will look into the placement of the propane tank from Green energy.

Library-

Clerk report: The State primary election will be held on August 2nd. New voting equipment will be coming in 2017.

9. Unfinished Business:

Fence Ordinance Amendment- the Planning Commission has set a public hearing for Thursday August 4th at 7:00pm at the town hall. Carol Westfall had several questions regarding the amendments. Page 1 she asked for clarification

of the yard setback standards. Page 3 clarifying that air conditions and generators could be placed on the rear and side yards. Page 4 section 6.09 E. could change "shall not obstruct views of the water" to more positive language. Page 5 asked if the picture for waterfront lot fence standard could be changed to include the information for what is allowed instead of saying see section 6.09E and having to look that up. Page 7 #4 the number of boats or watercrafts allowed for each dwelling may need to be changed as she could see that upsetting people.

Green Infrastructure Huron River Watershed- Kris Olsen sent an email of what she and the Green Infrastructure intern would like to provide for the township. 1-PDR ordinance, 2-Stream and lake setback and buffer ordinance language, 3- review the master plan, and 4-sample keyhole ordinance. We would like to receive emails with updates and ask that they make a presentation of their recommendations at the conclusion of their study.

Town Hall Improvements- Next Monday John Schaible (with the help of Dennis Herrst) will begin working on the sidewalk out front.

10. New Business:

PDR Committee- the Supervisor is looking for 4-5 people who are interested in this and would like the committee form by the end of the year.

11. Warrants: Motion by Weidmayer supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3457-3476.

Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Layher, Huehl, Schaible, Bristle, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

12. Public Comment: Oct. 1st County Clean-Up day in Saline 9-2. Dan asked if the MDA report was received for the Streeters and the clerk has it.

Adjourned at 9:32 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township