

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 9th, 2015 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, Huehl, Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Change to Agenda:

3. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Huehl supported by Layher to:

Approve the May 12, 2015 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve May 12, 2015 Treasurers report.

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

5. Communications: Supervisor reported he will attend the next Western Washtenaw Building Association permit meeting June 16th in Manchester. April sheriff's report had 21 calls, 7 were handled by the state police, 6 by the sheriff's office and 8 were cleared. September 19th, 2015 will be the county clean-up day in Saline. Lori from Community Resource Center in Manchester will be at our July meeting to give the township a 15 minute presentation on what that organization does.

6. Public Comment: Beth Heuser asked about the status of the fence at 11260 Hieber Rd. Why it wasn't corrected within 30 days of the violation as stated in the March 10th letter and when did the new garage structure get approved? It was answered that the garage application was approved on May 30th and that the fence would be discussed under the report from the zoning inspector. Felicia Kuebler said she spoke with Tom Pigott and he was sending a representative to the meeting tonight but no one is here representing him. She also said StoneCo needs to move dirt from the edge of the road it is making it difficult to see while driving.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: At the meeting last week it started with a public hearing regarding Troy Busha's conditional use application. It was a good public hearing with many comments. There is a list of changes that Troy needs to make before the planning commission would move forward with the permit. The application is tabled till the August meeting so Troy can make the necessary changes. A land division for Mann property at the corner of Pleasant Lake and Steinbach road was denied for 2 reasons. One that it needs at least 300ft of road frontage and because of the ordinance requiring a minimum of at least 9.9 acres to be able to split. He was told that he can take it before the zoning board of appeals and clerk confirmed that a representative for him called about that procedure and paperwork. Larry, Dan, Rodney and Sue from StoneCo will meet at the Barrett pit on June 20th at 9:00am for a walk through. A final review of the master plan was done and they are asking the board to allow them to forward it on to surrounding agencies. Larry would like to purchase the MTA book of the month Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin made 2 stops for barn debris clean-up. The first was at 4754 Fletcher Rd and the second was at Mike Horodeczny's on Pleasant Lake Rd. He will follow up with them next month on their progress.

Zoning Officer: Jim had 2 new zonings, a new house and attached garage at 5959 Kothe Rd and a heated mudroom and attached garage at 11260 Hieber Rd. Jim spoke with the owner of 8737 Saline Waterworks Rd that is creating a burm and he was unaware of what was required from the township to do that. He was given the zoning ordinances to look at and that a site plan was needed to continue. Jim will follow up with him in the next week. Lots of discussion regarding the fence at 11260 Hieber Rd. Carol Westfall, Lon Nordeen and Beth Heuser filed a FOIA request to obtain all public records related to this fence. Carol asked about the letter dated March 10th (delivered Mar. 27th) from Jim Coval to the Carters (property owners of the fence) and it stating that they had 30 days to address the violation of the fence (6ft double sided instead of 4ft. single sided). Jim and Larry confirmed that the township had to give them 180 days not 30 days to correct the violation but that was not included in any letter. Lon would like to see

documentation that proves once the new heated mudroom and attached garage are constructed the fence will be in compliance. Carol asked why a fence that was put up on Dec. 29th, 2014 with violations has not been corrected over 5 months later. Lon said that no where during this situation has it been taken into consideration that this fence is in the Lake District and the affect it would have in that area. Lon, Carol and Beth would like the board of trustees, planning commission and zoning inspector to reexamine the fence and correcting the violation. The board will talk with the township planner Thursday night about all the reasons to get the fence into compliance specifically that it falls within the Lake District. A letter needs to go to the Carter's letting them know their fence is being reviewed.

Library- none

Clerk report: Clerk reported that the 2014-2015 audit last month went well no report yet. The next clerk meeting will be June 17th at Ann Arbor Township. Clerk, Supervisor and planner meet with Ron Milkey on May 20th about possible uses for the Pleasant Lake School building. He is not interested in using the space for any educational purposes. He is looking into using it for mini storage units, office space and a gentleman contacted him about shop space for his painting business. He plans to speak at the next planning commission meeting in August. Clerk attended the MTA regional training in Chelsea on June 4th which covered a variety of topics some being the new FOIA law and fracking procedures.

9. Unfinished Business:

Town Hall Windows- Kleinschmidt will put the new windows into the town hall sometime between June 22- July 1st. Rudy will coordinate with the town hall manger and Kleinschmidt. Installation should take 2 days.

Pleasant Lake Inn- Public hearing has been set for June 11th at 7:00pm at the town hall. Rodney Nanney and Don Pennington will act as the dangerous building chairs for the hearing on behalf of the township. Paul Parkinson was sent a certified letter but we do not have confirmation that he received it. Dale spoke with him on the phone and he is aware of the public meeting but implied that he will not be there. 2 township residents heard a rumor that the Washtenaw County Park and Recreation department is interested in buying the property for lake access.

Weed Management- discussion on a new general ordinance starting with the Lake District tabled till next meeting.

10. New Business:

Master plan- Motion by Huehl and supported by Bristle to forward an electronic draft copy of Freedom Townships updated master plan to the surrounding agencies.

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

July Meeting- Planning commission will not hold a July meeting. The board of trustees will meet on July 14th as scheduled.

11. Warrants: Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3150-3177.

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

12. Public Comment: There is a sign out front of the town hall letting lake residents know that there is a treatment day set for Pleasant Lake on June 10th. Lon Nordeen will give a report at the August board meeting regarding the treatment of the lake.

Adjourned at 10:13 pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township