

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 8th, 2015 8:00 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm
Members present: Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approve the August 11, 2015 Township Board minutes. Motion carried with all Ayes. CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Huehl supported by Bristle to: Approve August 11, 2015 Treasurers report.

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

5. Communications: Supervisor needs to call Consumer Energy to try and set up a walk through. He called the State Police and they will try to monitor the speed on Pleasant Lake Rd. The Washtenaw County Road Commission will begin work on a culvert on Schneider Rd starting Sept.15th. Consumers pipeline will begin work on the pipeline Sept. 15th on Fletcher Rd. SWCOG next meeting will be Oct. 14th at 7:30pm at Freedom Townhall. September 19th, 2015 will be the county clean-up day in Saline on Tefft Ct. The sheriff report for July had 17 calls, the state police responded to 10, the sheriff's office responded to 4 and 3 were cleared. Supervisor received 2 thank you notes, one from CRC for coming to speak to the township and one from Kleinschmidt for the work on the windows at the townhall. CRC will hold their annual dinner banquet on Nov. 6th.

6. Public Comment: Catherine Roberts asked about the shooting range across the road from her. She shared that they were shooting last Saturday from 2:00-7:00pm and it was extremely loud. She called Larry Lindemann and left a message with Alvin Ernst. She has concerns about the noise levels and the danger of shooting in a close residential area around the lake. Beth Heuser said the gravel trucks on Pleasant Lake Rd are speeding and not stopping at the stop sign on Steinbach Rd. Supervisor shared that there was vandalism at the StoneCo pit with wires to their new office being cut.

7. Reports:

Planning Commission report: There was a public hearing on September 1st at 7:30pm to review the 2014 zoning ordinances, section 3.202 and 10.21, and putting back in the keyhole ordinance for Pleasant Lake. The permit transfer was reviewed from Barrett to StoneCo and approved. Larry spoke with Troy with TR Transport and he will need to turn in paperwork 10 days before the October meeting or the planning commission will make a decision based on the incomplete paperwork he submitted initially. Washtenaw County Parks application was tabled because they need to do a land split and an application to combine parcels. The gravel pit tour has been set for Oct. 3rd at 9:00am starting at the StoneCo pit on Steinbach Rd. then going to the old Barrett Pit. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Alvin received no calls.

Zoning Officer: Jim had 3 new zonings - a pole barn at 11906 Elmdale Dr, in ground pool at 6337 Kothe Rd and a lean to at 4354 Fletcher Rd. The Wash. Co. health dept took care of the property at Reno and Elmdale that a person was living there in a tent and using a makeshift port-a-potty. The Carter's garage is complete and they will need to fill out a new zoning application for the fence to go back up. Diane Bielak's zoning application for a new fence went to Rudy so he will forward that to Jim.

Library- none

Clerk report: Clerk will send a letter to the 55 Freedom Township voters that are in the Saline school district that they will be sent to Saline to vote on a school proposal for the special election being held in November. The intent is that this would save time and money. Clerk meet with the insurance agent for the town hall insurance today and will have a quote at the new meeting for the next year. Clerk is working on the L-4029 report which is due at the end of the month.

9. Unfinished Business:

Pleasant Lake Inn- The owner Paul Parkinson or representative were not in attendance of the meeting tonight nor did they sent a report. Supervisor has not heard from them in 2 weeks. Karen Flahie asked when the fence was going up that they agreed to put up. The board needs to receive documentation of what they are doing or plan to do. Carol Westfall wanted to know if we could contact any other agency for help in the clean up process such as the wash. Co. health department. Schaible suggested the board send a letter stating why they were not here tonight, who are they contracting with for the cleanup, where is the asbestos paperwork, why have they not put up a fence as requested and agreed upon, and when will the At&T line be removed. A response is needed within 1 week. The letter will be cc to Rodney the planner and dangerous building ordinance hearing officer and the township attorney. Carol Westfall asked if it should be sent to other agencies such the health department or Gretchen Driskell's office.

Township Lawyer- The township lawyer Mark Reading is moving so the township is actively seeking a new township attorney. We can still work with another attorney in his law firm if we choose. Layher has a name and Bristle has 2 that she contacted. The board will review next month.

10. New Business:

Pleasant Lake Keyhole Ordinance- A public hearing was held last Tuesday for updates to the current zoning ordinance 43. The planning commission reviewed it and is asking the board to take action on it. We can keep the current ordinance number and just add an a for the amendment. We are trying to put back in what was there before the 2014 zoning ordinance update. Lon Nordeen shared that he appreciates the boards and the planning commission's support for doing what is best for the lake. And that on Sept. 27th the PLPOA will hold a potluck at the town hall at 2:00pm with a speaker who will talk about these issues. A committee of 3 was brought up at the planning commission meeting and will be put together with a member from the planning commission, the township board and a lake representative to look at the riparian access.

Motion by Huehl supported by Layher: To adopt a resolution to amend zoning ordinance 43 as offered by the planning commission to reestablish the minimum riparian access requirements in all zoning districts, and the reduced minimum lot width standards for non-farm dwellings in the Rural Districts on lots less than 10.0 acres.

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

11. Warrants: Motion by Layher supported by Huehl: To approve the online payments for the 941 tax withholding and warrants 3222-3242 and voiding 3217.

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

12. Public Comment: RuralReach has not contacted Jim Coval about putting up any equipment to transmit from.

Adjourned at 9:29pm

Valisa Bristle, Clerk, Freedom Township