

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
September 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman DeLoof at 7:35 p.m.

Members Present: DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Miller, Ochs, and Tschiltz and absent Lindemann. Planner Don Pennington was also present.

A motion was made by Horning with a second from Ochs to dispense of the reading of the minutes. Motion passed. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Communications: PDR workshop August 30, 2006, Semscope, Huron River Watershed tips, E-mail from Jeremy McCallion (Don Pennington to contact), various e-mails regarding the Barrett Lake Project.

Audience Participation: David Davis has been grafting out Pleasant Lake levels to date. An average by month versus compared to 31 year average prior to now. He has found that the average level of Pleasant Lake is down even after 4 years of above average rainfall. It was suggested that the variation might have come from the drain. The Commission instructed Mr. Davis to forward this information on to our Hydrogeologist and also the DEQ.

Old Business:

1) Washtenaw County Parks Application. A review was given by Don Pennington. Mr. Tom Freeman had not planned on being at the meeting for a presentation. The Commission was asked to give any conditions and/or language from the land trust.

2) Mark Reading was not present to give a review of amendments and recommendations for the Extraction Ordinance. The next work session for the Extraction Ordinance was set for September 21, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. after the interviews were done in a closed session beginning at 7:00 p.m.

3) An update on Barrett Lake application with the State DEQ office was given.

4) An update on request for quotes was given by Stan Tschiltz. We received proposals from three Engineering Companies which was reduced to two. Interviews are scheduled to take place before the work session on September 21, 2006 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in a closed session. Stan gave a proposal to each Commission member and asked that each member read the proposal and have at least two questions for them.

5) Update on Mary Lights request. Don Pennington gave a report. It was decided that a letter is to come from the property owner on her knowledge of every use for the property. Don Pennington will contact her again.

6) Private Community Waste Water Systems draft. Don Pennington gave a review. He explained that this was a stand alone document and had to be adopted by the Township Ordinance. If accepted it would mean changes to the Growth Management Plan and also the Zoning Ordinance. Document would put control to the Township. Commission members were asked to read the draft very carefully and be ready to ask Don questions at our next regular meeting. He wants to make some more changes to the draft. He plans on attending the next meeting to report on any updates that he has received.

New Business:

1) Received payment from Panhandle, information and signed package sent week of August 21, 2006 along with a memorandum.

2) A copy of the letter to MDEQ from Geoforensics was given to each Commission member.

3) SWWCOG invitation for September 13, 2006. They are having a kick-off meeting of the Partnerships for Change grant funded by the Land Information Access Association. The meeting will be held at the Freedom Township Hall on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

4) Land division fee schedule review and report to Township Board with any comments. Horning made a motion with support from Tschiltz that a Land Division Application Fee be set for \$150.00 for the first land division and any additional divisions would be \$50.00 each. Motion passed.

Horning made a motion to adjourn with support from Huehl. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary