

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2008
(unapproved minutes)

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Lindemann and Ochs. Also present were Planners DeGroot and Pennington.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were read. A motion was made by Horning and support from Lindemann to accept the minutes as read with the correction to the meeting date in May being held on May 8th and not May 6th. DeLoof abstained because he was not present at the meeting. Motion passed. Minutes of the January 22, 2008 work session were read. A correction was made under old business section 2 paragraph 3; in the last sentence the word (let) was put in before them. A motion was made by Horning with support from DeLoof to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Communications: Mitigation report #4 that ASTI wrote. MSU Risk management for planning and zoning meeting to be held on February 13, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. Larry would like to have two Planning Commission members go as he cannot attend and feels it would be very beneficial. Jeff Horning thought he could go to it. It was mentioned that there is a need for a third person for the SWWCOG and Regional Planning Commission. They meet the second Wednesday of the month. These meetings are posted at the Town Hall. The Michigan Township News for January and February was received. There was some discussion on what needs a public hearing and what does not. Don Pennington handed out some graphs showing 1969 through 2007 single family building permits for Freedom Township and Washtenaw County.

Audience participation- none

Old Business:

1) Rezoning application request for Jennifer Wells and David Bucholtz. After some discussion from the Commission members a motion was made by Ochs with support from Horning as follows: (please see the attached resolution, item #1 which was used as the motion.) A roll call vote was taken. Ayes were Horning, Huehl, Lindemann and Ochs for a total of 4 ayes. Nays were DeLoof for a total of 1 nay. Motion passed.

2) Site plan review for Greene Manufacturing. No new information has been received from applicant. Tabled until new information is received.

3) Ordinance updates – Wireless Communications. An updated version was received from Planner DeGroot however it is not correct. It was tabled until we get the updated version from him. Bill DeGroot did give each Commission member a copy of the metro act which is referred to in the ordinance.

- 4) Growth Management Plan updated draft was moved to the end of the agenda if time permits we will go over it.
- 5) Barrett Paving Status report was sent asking for a 90 day extension. We are not sure if it was granted.
- 6) The Natural Features Ordinance was moved to the end of the agenda and if time permits we will discuss it.

New Business:

- 1) Rezoning Application request – Place 1 LLC (Ron Milkey managing partner). Location 11700 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, Michigan. A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Ochs to have the application be referred over to our Planner for review and a report of completeness of the application in accordance with our ordinance. Motion passed unanimously. The Commission members gave permission to have communications between the Milkey's and Planner Pennington. At our next meeting we will discuss the complete application and then set a public hearing date.
- 2) SWWCOG – Regional Planning Commission. The next meeting is February 13, 2008 at 7:00p.m. at the Manchester Township Hall. These meetings are open to the public. The Commission members were given future land use maps to review and give comments to Lindemann before the meeting on the 13th.
- 3) Gravel Pits Annual reports were given in the order they were received by the Planning Commission Secretary. Waterland Trucking, American Aggregate and Barrett Paving were all present to give their reports. C&T Trucking was not present due to a family emergency and will give their report at our March meeting. After each Gravel Pit Representative gave their report they received questions and comments from both the Commission members and audience. A compliment was given to Marcus from OHM on his excellent work. Another compliment was given to Chairman Lindemann on his excellent communications between the Gravel Pit Owners and the Township. Overall the reports were quite complete and if they were missing anything it was reported as to when the Township would receive these items.

Due to the late time it was decided to schedule a work session to complete the Wireless Communications Ordinance and Growth Management Ordinance and to begin working on the Natural Features Ordinance. This work session is scheduled for February 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall as long as nothing else is scheduled for that night. Chairman Lindemann will check the schedule with Connie Schenk and email the Commission members.

A motion was made by Horning with support from DeLoof to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary