

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
November 6, 2008

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Members present: Horning, Huehl, Lindemann, Ochs and Planner Bill DeGroot. Absent: Peter DeLoof

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Horning with support from Ochs to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News (October and November), email about the Huron River Watershed having an open session on November 14, 2008 at the Stone Creek Hall; there will be Watershed Scientists present.

A comment was made about the good turnout for the recent election. Freedom Township had close to 79% turnout of the registered voters to vote.

Audience Participation: Beth Heuser asked what's going on with American Aggregate. Weren't they supposed to put up a buffer by the road? Larry has met with them and they are trying to get some things worked out. She then asked if there was a time frame for this. Larry said no not at this time. By law and by the permit nothing has to be done.

Two new items were added to the agenda; gravel pit tour with Marcus from OHM and new legislation changes from the State.

Old Business:

1) Rezoning application request for Place1 LLC (Ron Milkey). Larry and Dale have met with Ron Milkey. Ron needs to get the Plat vacated and then has to record the new plot sizes. Ron has been in contact with the surveyor. Ron is waiting for the legal documentations to be filed with the court. Information will be forwarded to Bill DeGroot so the review can be done as soon as possible. Ron asked what provisions could be made to open the Gym back up? Could the Planning Commission make a recommendation to the board for approval? In response we told him a variance would be needed to get this done.

2) Conditional use application for Jennifer Bucholtz. This is still tabled.

3) Master Plan updated draft. Need to get updated totals for PA 116 applicants. On page 26G and Page 28H does this regulate? No it has to be in the zoning ordinance to regulate it. We will take out both of these sentences. On page 38 do we need to state conforming to Washtenaw County Road Commission standards? Bill will check on this. On page 9 under local commercial should we define this area instead of just a dot on the map? We have not done a future land use map which is where this should be done.

New Business:

1) SWWOG special meeting report. Susan and Larry both went to the meeting and felt it was very interesting. They had people there from HVA, Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, Red Cross and the State Police.

2) Manchester Joint Planning Commission meeting on November 13, 2008 at the Sharon Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. SWWCOG will meet at 7:00 p.m. the same night.

3) Gravel Pit tour with OHM. Larry went with Marcus. Barrett is to call when they get some reclamation done so that OHM can come back out to check it. These reclamations were to be done by January 1, 2009. American Aggregate has not done much. No mining at Waterland until September this year. Steve has a new mailing address and when Jennifer receives this she should forward to Carol. C & T Trucking – Rob was not there but his foreman was. Violation got filled in. OHM will do a survey on it. A lot of Rob's equipment is up for auction on November 11, 2008. Barrett was having the lake levels checked.

4) Legislation changes from the State. Planner should be looking at rewriting and updating policies. Re-ratify policy and procedure in order to operate the Planning Commission. We then started to go through Article 1.0 Administration and Enforcement and made various changes up through page 9 J. Bill has the requested changes and will make them. We will continue with this at another meeting.

A motion was made by Huehl with support from Horning to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary