

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
April 5, 2016

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Larry Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members present: Susan Ochs, Dan Schaible, Matt Little, Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl.  
Planner Rodney Nanney was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Little with support from Huehl to switch new business in front of old business and adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Huehl read the March minutes and these corrections were made in the motion about the Final Site Plan for Consumer's Energy Co, the submittal date to the Planning Commission year was changed to 2016. Under reports the spelling of Kris Olson's name was corrected. A motion was made by Little with support from Ochs to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Communications: Township Focus March and April 2016. An email from Carol Westfall

Audience Participation: Karen Flahie said the benchmark operational noise date had been done for The Consumer's Energy Plant and the residents were notified, which they appreciated.

Beth Heuser said she had a conversation with her granddaughter (Rachel) dealing with gravel pit trucks not stopping at Steinbach Road. Another truck did not stop at the sign at end of Pleasant Lake and Parker Roads. Larry will contact Sue Hanf.

It was mentioned that the Township website should be checked often for changes and updates.

Matt Little inquired about the County owned pit at the top of Bethel Church Road. It was noted that it hasn't been mined in a very long time.

A reminder that Green Infrastructure will be on the agenda at next weeks Township Board meeting.

New Business:

1) Zoning Ordinance review of section 6.09 Fences and Walls. Lindemann read Planners response. We need to have definitions for Waterfront lots and high water mark. Under E (Waterfront Lots) leave as is. Need to define front, rear and side lots and show diagrams for a good explanation. Item 1, no fence zone extending to the water within 25 feet of the waters edge. Buffer at 25 foot to back of house. After much discussion with audience members and Planning Commission members a motion was made. Huehl with support from Little made a motion that side lot and back lot fences could be 4' high with 50% see thru and go to the 25' water line buffer. After more discussion a roll call vote was given. Schaible-no, Little-yes, Lindemann-no, Ochs-no and Huehl-yes. The motion was denied.

We will continue with section 6.09 Fences and Walls at our next meeting. We will review Home Occupations in R2 District at next months meeting. Also at next months meeting discussion of building % zoning update for lake bottom. We will have a report from the committee that is working on the Riparian review in the Master Plan from their previous meetings.

Reports- none

Audience participation – nothing more.

Adjournment-Chairman Lindemann called the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary