

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2012

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:40p.m.

Members present: Larry Lindemann, Susan Ochs, Carol Huehl and Planner Bill DeGroot. Dan Schaible and Matt Little were absent because of being on vacation.

Huehl made a motion with support from Ochs to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Ochs made a motion with support from Lindemann to approve the June 5, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

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Audience Participation: Karen Flahie had several questions/concerns:

- 1) There has been more than once on the lake at 2:00 a.m. people boating, drinking and loud noise. Is there a noise ordinance for this or should the Sheriff be contacted? Our Ordinance Officer cannot issue a citation for this.
- 2) She asked about barking dogs. We have no ordinance for this. You would have to contact the Washtenaw Animal Control Department.
- 3) Karen wondered what was going on with the Enbridge Pipeline Company. She had an article from the newspaper which got a lot of people calling Township Officials about. We have not heard anything more from them.
- 4) Were there water samples drawn at the gravel pits? The answer was yes. Lindemann stated he had received a letter from Barrett about one of the wells being abandoned due to it collapsing. It was on the Northwest side of the pit. Lindemann stated he would contact Barrett about this. Barrett had already contacted the DEQ.
- 5) What about an oil well ordinance? We will be addressing this in future meetings as a Renewable Resource Ordinance. This ordinance would cover several different items, i.e. Solar, Windmills.
- 6) Gravel trucks are not coming to complete stops. This has been noticed more than once by several different individuals. As stated before there is nothing we can do about these truckers. It becomes a Police matter.

Old Business:

- 1) There is a Ridge Agreement now between Waterland Trucking and American Aggregate. However instead of it being referred to as the "Ridge" it is a "Leased Premises Area." The Planning Commission members were asked to review this agreement and give any concerns or comments to Township Supervisor Dale Weidmayer no later than Monday night prior to the regular Township Board Meeting (August 14, 2012). We were to notify Larry also if we sent anything to Dale.

2) Zoning Ordinance updates are tabled until new sections are received from the Township Planner. These will be Articles 7, 8, 9, 12 and 16. We will review these in this order when they are received.

New Business

1) Review of bond agreement from bank.

The Township Engineer, OHM was asked to review the agreement and sent back their response. They had concerns with section G and #11. The question was raised about which was better protection for the Township in regards to a Surety Bond or Letter of Credit. It was answered that a Surety Bond is better. Discussion continued. Lindemann recommended striking out the date of June 30, 2013. After concerns and or discussion had been completed the following motion was made. A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Huehl that the Township Board not sign the Reclamation Agreement until our attorney Mark Reading has reviewed it and then returned his review to the Township Board with the completion date of May 31 being removed. The financial guarantee should be in place until approval of the new Extraction permit and bond is in place. A roll call vote was taken. Lindemann-yes, Huehl-yes and Ochs-yes. The motion passed.

Reports: Nothing

Audience Participation: Nothing more.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary