

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
December 1, 2015

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Members present: Susan Ochs, Dan Schaible, Matt Little, Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl

A motion was made by Little with support from Huehl to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ochs with support from Schaible to dispense of the reading of the minutes and approve as presented. The motion passed.

Communications: Township Focus, Green Infrastructure Workshop is planned for Saturday January 9, 2016 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. A flyer will be posted.

Old Business:

1) TR Transport, LLC letter and discussion. Larry commented that the Planning Commission had denied the conditional use request at our last meeting. The only way we could act on this was if new information had been received within 30 days of its denial per Roberts Rule. Troy was present and stated that he didn't see himself fitting into our current plan and that he would be moving on. Troy said it would take some time to get the current location sold. A Concern Lindemann has is with the dates provided in the letter from Troy. His current business is not a conforming use. This is a Township Board issue not the Planning Commission as we denied the Conditional Use Application last month. Lindemann made a motion with support from Little that the Township Attorney and the Township Board look at the letter from Troy dated November 20, 2015. The motion passed.

2) Huron River Water Council work session January 9, 2016. This is a work session for the Planning Commission and the Township Board. Township residents input will be limited to 15 people in order to keep this a work session for Township Officials. Kris Olsson will be informed of this.

New Business:

1) Set calendar for 2016. A motion was made by Schaible with support from Ochs to keep the Planning Commission meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed.

2) Recommendation on the Master Plan to the Township Board. A resolution of the Planning Commission to adopt the updated Freedom Township Master Plan was offered by Lindemann with support from Little to be given to the Township Board. A roll call vote was taken Schaible-yes, Little-yes, Lindemann-yes, Ochs-yes and Huehl-yes. The motion passed.

3) Consumers Gas Plant update. A representative from Consumers was present to give us the update. The plants' beginning was about in 1945. They are in the very early stages of rebuilding the facility. He asked if we

wanted to keep them here for the tax revenue. As long as we are in agreement with what they want to do, the first phase of construction would start March 2016. Phase 1 is just temporary for 3 to 4 years until a permanent facility would be finished which has a 2 to 3 year construction window. Little asked about automatic shut off's for Freedom Township based on the fact that we have so many lines running through our Township. It was noted that there are automatic shut downs at the facility. It was asked what the response time from Jackson to Freedom Township was? The Representative did not know but will find out for us.

Reports: Lindemann said he had been contacted by Carl Rose who asked if they could get a land division approved before the removal of the barn. The answer was yes only if it was listed as a condition to the land division. Little reported that he and Supervisor Weidmayer went to a meeting about the Rover pipeline on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Lima Townhall. The application with Perk Regulatory Commission is due to have conditional approval on July 30, 2016. There is a very good website called Pipeline Safety Trust.

Audience participation: Kathy Swalwell asked what the plan was for TR Transport, LLC. She wondered if we were just passing it off. It was explained that the Conditional Use request had been denied.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary