

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2016
These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Members Present: Matt Little, Dan Schaible, Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl. Excused absence for Susan Ochs. Township Supervisor, Dale Weidmayer and Planner Rodney Nanney were in attendance also.

It was suggested to move New Business in front of Old Business. An addition to New Business was the Calendar for 2017 meetings. A motion was made by Huehl with support from Little to adopt the agenda with these changes made. The motion passed.

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

Communications: Township Focus, Stoneco Esch irrevocable standby letter of credit #68026531 was received and will expire on March 6, 2017. Contact person for ET Rover Pipeline is Donna Halinski, Phone (517) 372-4400 ex 214 or email donnah@mrgmi.com.

New Business:

1) Update on Consumers Site Plan and Pipeline safety. Mark Nienow was present to give us the updates. He went over the elevations of the site. Visual aspects of the site Trailers will be 980'. The Pleasant Lake Road elevation at 973'. They will knock the hill down by where the buildings will be to 976' range with berm over to the road with trees on top of the berm. The gaps at the east side row of trees will be filled in with more trees. The full package will be submitted to us in January at our meeting. All established State and Michigan codes will be met. The Emergency Response Plan will be done at the end of construction. There were some questions about lighting and 2 new compressors if in use yet. The noise level was discussed as well.

2) Meetings for 2017. A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Huehl to have our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed. If any meetings have to be changed it will be posted accordingly. Our first meeting in 2017 will be on January 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Old Business:

1) Update review of Private Road Ordinance #21. Larry had received an email from our OHM Engineer, Marcus McNamara in regards to discussion at our previous PC meeting. The Washtenaw County standards require 5" of HMA on 10" of 21AA Aggregate Base. He feels that's overkill for private roads. The current Freedom Ordinance requires 2 1/2" of HMA on 8" of 21AA aggregate base (total of 10 1/2 "cross section). That is an appropriate cross section for private roads, so changing the typographical error from 22" to 2 1/2" is all we need to do. Marcus recommended language for section 12.9 in our ordinance and would also like to see language on expenditures.

2) The Township website. Our current website will be gone as of January 1, 2017. Larry will check with other Townships to see what they are doing. He can bring this up at the next SWCOG meeting. Larry mentioned that the SWCOG meetings have been changed to the 3rd Wednesday now. The SWCOG participants are Manchester Schools, Village of Manchester, Manchester Township and Freedom Township.

Reports: Chairman Lindemann reported that the ZBA had met for Olmsted on the corner of Lima Center and Hieber Roads and was approved. Township Board Representative, Dan Schaible had nothing to report. Planning Consultant Rodney Nanney gave us the replacement pages for the Zoning Ordinance #43. Township Supervisor Dale Weidmayer had nothing to report.

Audience Participation- Reminder about the Township Forum on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

Items for next months agenda so far are Private Road Ordinance and election of Officers.

Chairman Lindemann adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary