

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 7, 2012

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order.

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

A motion was made by Little with support from Huehl to place the New Business in front of the Old Business and then to adopt the agenda with this change. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Schaible with support from Little to not read the minutes from January 3, 2012 and after a correction was made to the minutes they were accepted as presented.

Communications: MTA News with a very interesting article on Authority over Public Roads.

Audience Participation – nothing.

New Business:

1) Gravel Pit Annual reports. Dale Sawyer was present to give American Aggregates report. He said they had been keeping the site maintained and that they would be back. Dale is confident that it's a good site for them. They shipped 204 tons of material from the site in 2011. To date no restoration had been done. Dale reported that an agreement had been reached between Waterland and American Aggregate on the ridge between the two pits and that they would have it for presentation to the Township soon. They passed the Pollution Inspection but since everything had been removed off the site; when they return they will have to provide a new inventory. March 6, 2012 is the due date on soil erosion and they will send us copies of the renewal. Marcus our Engineer from OHM asked since the site is inactive how often is the site checked on. Dale said once every two weeks; either by Security or Dale himself. Schaible asked who oversees the containment of oils, anti-freeze, etc. Dale said there was a containment cart with everything kept in drums. The company that oversees this is a Port Huron Company.

2) Waterland Trucking annual report was given by Steve Lemons. Tonnage removed in 2011 was 366,665 tons. He stated the asphalt projects may be better this year but still only half of what they would like them to be. Currently their working in the NE Quadrant of the pit. Extraction operations will continue primarily in the Central Quadrant of the mining operation. Restoration activities in 2012 will continue to focus on the South side of the permanent access road just east of the truck scale in the NE Quadrant of the site and the SW 2011-2012 Restoration area. Steve said approximately 60 to 70 acres have been restored from 1980 to 2011. All Federal, State & County regulations are current. Waterland is pleased to report the absence of complaints during the past year.

Old Business:

1) Stoneco extraction renewal application – review application items submitted. After discussion a motion was made by Lindemann with support from Huehl to accept the Conditional Use Permit as amended with numbering. A roll call vote was taken; Schaible-yes, Little-yes, Lindemann-yes, Huehl-yes and Ochs-yes. The motion was passed. After discussion a motion was made by Little with support from Schaible to accept the renewal permit for Michigan Materials & Aggregate Company and Stoneco on Esch Road. A roll call vote was taken; Schaible-yes, Little-yes, Lindemann-yes, Huehl-yes and Ochs-yes. The motion passed. Stoneco will make cd's for the Township and OHM.

2) Zoning ordinance updates. This was tabled.

Reports: Chair reported there will be a ZBA meeting on the variance of addition to the lake on February 20, 2012 for Ron Nitchie. Planner Bill DeGroot requests a copy of the minutes from the ZBA meeting. An ordinance was passed to remove ourselves from the JPC (Joint Planning Commission). The next tentative meeting is planned for February 21, 2012 at the Manchester Village Offices.

Dale Wiedmayer, Township Supervisor thanked Bill DeGroot, Carol Huehl and Larry Lindemann for helping him clean the Township Office and go through files. He suggested that the Planning Commission skip the July Meeting if there was no urgent business. No further reports were given.

Little asked if there were any updates on C&T Transport, Inc. It was answered they were still in bankruptcy. An extension on the letter of credit was granted until June of 2012 with the wording changed that the Township had requested. There was a meeting with the Township Supervisor, Planning Commission Chairman, Township Planner, Township Engineer and the Kueblers son, Stanley scheduled for right after the Planning Commission meeting was over.

Audience participation- nothing

A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Little to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary