

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
February 5, 2013

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: Dan Schaible, Matt Little, Susan Ochs, Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl. Planner Rodney Nanney and Supervisor Dale Weidmayer were also present.

Chairman Lindemann suggested putting New Business in front of Old Business and mentioned we might have to change our by-laws as we always seem to do this. Huehl made a motion with support from Little to adopt the agenda after moving New Business in front of the Old Business. Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Little with support from Ochs to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News and the C.R.O.W. newsletter. It was noted that the newsletter had a lot of good information in it.

Audience Participation: Beth Heuser commented on the Consumer Energy Lights and said they are working on these. She said there was a light way up on a pole East of the PLI, a dawn to dusk light on a house on the lake, a white house with yellow trim that shone across the lake and into her house. She wondered if the Township had a Lighting Ordinance. The answer was no not for residential. Most Communities avoid lighting ordinances according to Rodney Nanney. They are hard to regulate.

New Business:

1) Gravel Pits Annual reports. American Aggregate was first and presented by Dale Sawyer. They removed 1,034 tons of material and shipped material on one day only. Security personel are coming on site regularly. The plant is portable and has been moved out for the time being. Water levels are higher by 2 to 3 feet at every monitoring well. No plans for next year. He wants to talk to the Road Commission about Brine product; Calcium chloride versus Brine. There are no changes on their aerial map. Dale stated he wants to talk to our Engineer Marcus about the increase in their bond amount. The acreage increased from 26.2 to 50.2 acres due to the ridge between them and Waterland being resolved.

2) Barrett Paving report was given by Jim Sauder. Jim reported they removed 450,454 tons of material. He said they still had a fairly good year. He told us about his proposal for a Dredge line and the cost of one. He was asked about the monitoring well that had caved in and he said they might replace it (MW-7) in the future but felt they had plenty of wells near by for monitoring for now. He was reminded about having his reclamation plan in writing or at least on drawings. It was noted in his report good for now

but would have a new one soon. He was asked what the depth of the North Lake was approved for. He said 100 foot was permitted.

3) Waterland Trucking was presented by Steve Lemons. He began by giving his appreciation to the Planning Commission members, Marcus (Township Engineer) and Supervisor Dale Weidmayer in working with them in the agreement between American Aggregate and Waterland over the Ridge between the two pits. Steve noted they had removed 443,007.70 tons of material in the last year. They are sharing a water well with Jim Burmeister and have been in contact with the State as to how it will be handled. He was asked how deep the retention pond was and he stated at its deepest probably 10', it changes quickly. He said he had a real appreciation for Dairy Farmers after living on the farm.

Old Business:

Zoning ordinance updates. This was postponed due to the late hour.

Reports:

Lindemann reported that Township Officials, Planner Rodney Nanney and Engineer Marcus had met with Tom Pickett about the Kuebler Pit (C&T Trucking). A letter of application was received with a small amount of money. Marcus was to point out all the violations from when C&T Trucking was there. The Bank has not paid the Township the money it owes per the agreement that was made. It was asked again which is better a letter of credit or a bond and the answer was a letter of credit is the most defensible.

Dan Schaible and Denny Huehl went to the MTA Convention one day. Dan had attended a meeting about signs. He said we can control the time, manner and place of a sign but not the content.

We also had some discussion about alternate energy sources. We will look into possibly getting an alternate energy ordinance in place.

Audience Participation: Nothing more.

A motion was made by Ochs with support from Huehl to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary