

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2016
These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members present: Dan Schaible, Matt Little, Susan Ochs, Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl. Planner Rodney Nanney and Engineer Marcus McNamara were also in attendance.

It was suggested to move New Business in front of Old Business on the agenda. A motion was made by Little with support from Ochs to accept the agenda as presented with this change. The motion passed.

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

Communications: Kris Olson sent an email to Larry informing him that they had reviewed the map we designed at the work session on Green Infrastructure. We are to contact them if we want to go any farther with the plan. MTA Public Acts List that was passed last year and MI Twp Insight had articles on underground utilities and an amended medical marijuana bill.

Audience Participation: Dale Sawyer brought an article on an inline crusher for use in repair of dirt roads. He said it had good reviews but he would want to see it work. He will let us know if a demonstration comes near us. Larry asked him to send the article to the Township Board members.

New Business:

1) Hieber land division. Jim Coval sent a letter stating everything looked fine with the proposed division. The Planners felt it met all the ordinance requirements. A motion was made by Schaible with support from Ochs to accept Rodney's recommendation and approve the split on tax parcel #N-14-14-400-003. A roll call vote was taken. Schaible-yes, Little-yes, Lindemann-yes, Ochs-yes and Huehl-yes. The motion passed.

2) Gravel Pit annual reports. American Aggregates was first. Dale Sawyer was present to give the report. We thanked Dale for completing the berm along Pleasant Lake Road. He told us they have installed 3 additional monitoring wells. Per the Consent Judgment they had agreed to provide the Township with gravel and they did get it ready. They have 3000 tons ready for us to use. He said they have not given up on the site and will be there again, just don't know when.

Stoneco (Burmeister Pit). Sue Hanf gave the report. They have stripped the overburden and have some more work to do east of the driveway. The new road has been completed. Some paving will be done this spring. When sloping is completed in the 2014 and 2015 area (rough spots) Jim will start farming it right away. Total tonnage mined was 827,172 tons which was up about 200,000 tons more from last year. The plant will hopefully be moved to the pit floor this year. They received complaints about truck traffic not stopping before turning onto Pleasant Lake Road.

Pleasant Hills Pit 9. There was no mining done and no reclamations done in 2015. They sold materials out. Reclamations will be done when they are back on site actively mining.

The South Lake was discussed and the need to make sure erosion doesn't go on to the neighbor's property. Stoneco employees did walk around it and made sure there was no new erosion happening. They will get us updated information on the South Lake and East of it as well by September of 2016. An aerial photo will be received this year. They put a break away lock on the gate and an emergency phone list was posted. Stoneco requested a reduction in the well monitoring so as to reduce costs. We told them they have to submit a proposal to the Township Planning Commission before they could reduce the monitoring of these wells.

Stoneco (Esch Road). They have no current plans for this pit.

3) Consumers Energy Minor site plan review. Scott Curry, Mark Nienow, Kyle Howard and Joe Parrish were introduced. A film presentation of the project was given. This is a \$180 million dollar investment. It's a 100% Union job. Planner Rodney Nanney explained the difference between a minor site plan and a preliminary site plan. It was decided to make this a preliminary site plan so that the Planning Commission could review it again before final approval. After much discussion a motion was made by Little with support from Huehl to approve the Preliminary Site Plan with the Engineer OHM (Marcus McNamara) and the Planner (Rodney Nanney) requests resolved and the final site plan of phase 2 showing a tree line along the East and South side of the site. A roll call vote was taken. Schaible-yes, Little-yes, Lindemann-yes, Ochs-yes and Huehl-yes. The motion passed.

Old Business:

1) The Riparian committee met last week and will meet again on February 25, 2016.

2) Rose land division. Carl Rose spoke to Larry and stated that they do not want to take down the barns. This has been tabled until further notice from the applicant.

Reports: Dan Schaible went to a Washtenaw Road Commission meeting. In the past they would add a ½ mill without asking permission from the Townships and now they want to ask for it. The biggest problems right now are failing culverts all around the county.

Audience participation: Nothing more.

Chairman Lindemann adjourned the meeting at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary