

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

March 6, 2012

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

A motion was made by Huehl with support from Schaible to move the new business in front of the old business and then adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

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

New Business:

1) Barrett Paving Annual Gravel Pit Report. The report was given by Jim Sauder. Jim gave us the Lake permit (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Water Resources Division Permit) from the State which now will expire on February 22, 2017. He reported they had a good year. A total of 494,511 tons of gravel had been removed in 2011. Eight acres has been seeded west of the North Lake. It was a very, very wet year but very consistent with the wells. They did dig all Winter and expect to have another busy year. They are serving more ready mix plants. Not a lot of restoration has been done because restoration is driven by need of product. They had no complaints reported to them. Jim is pretty sure there will be an open house this year. The main focus for 2012 is the North Lake. He was asked if the conveyor line had gotten reduced and he replied not yet. They are going to make the berm along the wetlands higher to protect them. Jim asked to have a preliminary meeting with the Township Supervisor, Township Planner, Planning Commission Chairman and Township Engineer (OHM) before their permit is due for renewal in 2017. Chairman Lindemann said that would be possible.

2) Our annual Gravel Pit Tours are set for May 5, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. beginning at Barrett's. Huehl will send letters to the gravel pits informing them of the tour date.

3) MCJPC Scenario discussion. Commission members were given this report prior to our meeting to review and be ready to have a discussion about it. Chairman Lindemann gave us background history on the JPC. He said revenue sharing did not apply to Freedom Township; we did not get any prior to now. There were a lot of questions, comments and very long discussions about the given scenarios.

Reports: There was a ZBA meeting on February 20, 2012 for an addition on property on Hieber Road to add on to the house over the footprints.

Lindemann reported on the C & T gravel pit that the Keeblers had put in a bid to the Bankruptcy Trustee. They had to have an open auction. An Attorney from Ohio came in and outbid the Keeblers.

Audience Participation – nothing

A motion was made by Huehl with support from Ochs to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary