

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2013

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Members present: Dan Schaible, Susan Ochs, Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl. Matt Little was not present as he was out of town. Planners Bill DeGroot and Rodney Nanney were present too.

Adoption of Agenda: It was suggested to move new business in front of old business. A motion was made by Schaible with support from Ochs to adopt the agenda with the change of new business in front of old business. Motion passed.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Ochs with support from Schaible to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News, Flyer with MSU Citizen Planner Announcement of Michigan Placemaking Curriculum on June 13, 2013.

Audience participation: Beth Heuser asked what the very large tanks on Schneider Road were for. They were put in by Enbridge to hold water which is used to flush the gas lines. She wanted to know if they are temporary or not. We answered that we did not know but would have to contact Enbridge. She asked where the water came from? We told her we were not supplying the water. She asked where the water was released at. We explained that this is all regulated by the State. Enbridge had to get a groundwater discharge permit and there is a filtering process.

Bob Ludwig has 80 acres for sale on Bethel Church Road and would like someone to sit with him and go over what his options are for the property. He wants to sell off the farmland and do the buildings and woods differently if at all possible. Larry Lindemann said he would be happy to help Mr. Ludwig with this.

Dale Sawyer attended a Townhall Meeting on road funding. He said there were presentations by MDOT, Washtenaw County Road Commission as well as others. He felt it was a very good meeting with a lot of public input.

Felicia Kuebler asked why when you call for an ambulance or 911 do you have to pay \$750.00. The answer is it costs the Township and the Township pays \$500.00 to \$600.00 on top of what is charged to the person who made the call. There has been talk of having a fire mileage but nothing has happened yet.

Don Swalwell stated he knew that berms were allowed to be built in our Township however; his neighbor has brought in asphalt millings and piled them which have caused standing water on his property for sometime now. He wondered what could be done. We suggested having our Zoning

Enforcement Officer, Alvin Ernst come out to take a look at the situation. He needs to make sure the investigation is completed correctly so it will stand up in court if necessary. We also encouraged him to attend the Township Board meeting next week to discuss this with them.

New Business:

- 1) Land division for Herschelman was tabled as we have not heard from them.
- 2) We set the gravel pit tour for September 7, 2013 beginning at Waterland at 8:00 a.m. Carol will send out letters to the gravel pits informing them of this date.
- 3) Transfer of ownership for Waterland Trucking. Stoneco wants to take over the Waterland Trucking pit. A draft letter was read by Chairman Lindemann. Attorney Mark Reading reviewed the documents and approved the letter. A motion was made by Schaible with support from Ochs to accept the transfer of ownership and draft letter that Larry read. Motion passed.

Reports:

- 1) Some of the Township officials had a meeting with Pigott in regards to the C & T Transport Pit. Larry went over the minutes from that meeting with us.

There were no other reports.

Old Business of Zoning Ordinance update is tabled until our next meeting.

No more audience participation.

A motion was made by Ochs with support from Schaible to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary