

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

November 1, 2011

Regular Meeting

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Matt Little, Dan Schaible, Larry Lindemann, Susan Ochs and Carol Huehl. Planner Bill DeGroot was also present.

A motion was made by Schaible with support from Little to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

The minutes from our October meeting were read by Huehl. A motion was made by Ochs with support from Little to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News, Barrett Paving renewal letter for the North Lake through the DEQ.

Audience Participation: Beth Heuser said the First Alert monitoring plan was in place in 2007 and was curious about the time span if 5 years had gone by. The answer was yes. It was noted that the lake was quite a lot larger now. It was asked how many monitoring wells were at the Stoneco pit. There are 5 monitoring wells at Stoneco, elevations and contaminants are what is monitored now. The monitors complied with the Township regulations at that time. The audience was reminded that this is a renewal process. They have a permit already issued. It was noted there are more residential surrounding Stoneco pit than other pits. There is more traffic on the road already and soon with gravel trains waiting to get into the pit it would complicate the traffic more. Barrett has gravel trains waiting to get in before 7:00 a.m. In regards to the road the Washtenaw County Road Commission handles that. The Township jurisdiction begins at the entrance of the pit. It was asked what avenue could be taken to contest this. The haul route to be taken is a dangerous, hazardous one. The reply was to contact the Washtenaw County Road Commission. Planner DeGroot stated the Township does not have control over their roads. In 1994/1995 the people living on Esch Road bonded together to protest the use of Esch Road as the designated haul route. Perhaps that could be done between the residents and the Planning Commission to go before the County; work together to come up with a solution that suits everyone. There will be no dewatering on site. The problem with wells going dry is due to dewatering. It was asked what if the wells go dry, what would the recourse be then. This is not anticipated to happen.

Old Business

1) Stoneco extraction renewal application – review application items submitted. The Township must have a determination from DEQ to know what impact is to wetlands. We need to know the depth of the proposed lake too. There needs to be established a base elevation.

2) Zoning ordinance update. This is tabled until our next meeting due to the late hour.

New Business

1) C & T Materials – update from the Township. There is nothing new to report at this time.

Reports – nothing

Audience participation – It was asked how the Township felt about C & T Materials? The answer was we would like to get it over with. Have it be resolved and move on.

A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Ochs to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary