

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

October 4, 2016

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

We began by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Township Supervisor Dale Weidmayer and Planner Rodney Nanney were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Schaible with support from Ochs to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

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

Communications: Michigan Township Insights with articles of interest on Medical Marijuana and Urban Livestock, also the Michigan Township magazine with a large article about pipeline safety. Larry met with Deanna from ET Rover about the old Barrett pit. She was told anything above ground would need site plan thru Planning Commission.

Audience Participation: PC was asked what the Public Hearing on November 1, 2016 was for. The answer was a conditional use permit for Childcare.

Old Business: nothing

New Business:

1) Update review of Private Road Ordinance #21. Ours was updated from what Washtenaw County road standards were. Rodney Nanney commented that there was a conflict between our Zoning Ordinance and the Private Road Ordinance and that we needed to make both consistent. He said the Zoning Ordinance supersedes the Private Road Ordinance. Recommendation is that plans come to the Planning Commission for approval and then any variances to the Township Board. If two lots do not have public road access a private drive would be needed. We will have the Township Engineer look at the specifications to see if there are any concerns. It was asked if Bridgewater Township has a Private Road Ordinance. The answer was yes they do. All private roads are subject to all existing private roads as well. Rodney will write up a small report and present to the Township Board for their approval to pass on to the Planning Commission. It will have minimum standards for all private roads.

2) Confirm Public Hearing date for Conditional Use Permit. The Public hearing will be held on 11-1-2016 at 7:30 p.m. for 11444 Bethel Church Road (a group child care).

Reports: Rodney Nanney spoke on medical marijuana. There have been 3 new bills signed. These bills are in addition to the previous ones. The Planning Commission does not have to do anything or we can pass an ordinance to incorporate these new items. It does not need immediate attention.

We have at least a year before we need to take action. We will also have to get legal advice from our attorney.

Supervisor Dale Weidmayer talked about the Emergency plan. He said the Township clean up day was held in Saline and was very well attended. The Township has received the water sample reports from Pleasant Lake. The Bemis Road bridge is closed and there are plans to do the repair early in 2017. The road is open and signs are posted of the bridge being closed.

Audience participation: Beth Heuser noted the artesian well on Bethel Church Road does not seem to be functioning very well and asked why. She was told it has been low for some time now.

Items at this time for next month are: Conditional use permit and private road ordinance.

Chairman Lindemann adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary