

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Updates
August 4, 2016

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

Chairman Lindemann opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

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

Rodney Nanney was asked to go over the current proposed updates to sections on Waterfront lots and fences/walls.

Carol Westfall- asked if we had received her email and the answer was yes and all Planning Commission members were forwarded a copy; if she wanted it included in the minutes she could go over it. She had comments and /or additions for section 7, 8 and 9 (Please see attached copy). She explained it was not just about the view of the water but also preserving the rural hamlet character of waterfront lots in Freedom Township.

Lon Nordeen-Asked if we were making changes to the ordinance, did we want to also consider suggestions from the HRWC (Huron River Water Council?) It was answered not at this time.

Karen Flahie – Commented on the chart on page 1, section 3.101 of the proposed amendment that 35' is way to close to the water. She would rather have 50'.

Gerald Swartout-Would like to see 40' setbacks from the lake. He thought his stakes were 25' to 50' from the lake.

Another woman talked about a 10' walkway. (I apologize for not getting her name.)

Lon Nordeen- Asked what brought about the change from 50' to 25' distance from the lake on page 6 under B, Watercourses and Wetlands? He would rather keep it at 50'. Carol Westfall agreed with him.

Chairman Lindemann asked if there was any more Public participation and if any Planning Commission members had anything to add. After hearing none he closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary