

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Updates
September 1, 2015
These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

Chairman Lindemann called the hearing to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Schaible with support from Ochs to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed.

The proposed updates were posted on the Township Website. The proposed amendments were to Section 1 3.202 and Section 2 10.21. Planner Rodney Nanney went over the proposed changes.

Scott Brown – Asked what in this document prevented Developers from coming in adjacent to the lake and then getting access to the lake. Larry Lindemann said he just wanted to get this draft back in the ordinance. We could still make additions at a later date.

Gerald Swartout- His neighbor has a 30 foot lot and wondered if this would make it obsolete. The answer was no that this is for all future sites and what's on the lake now is grandfathered in.

Betty Schneider – I want to have my daughter Linda have access to my property from the West side. If I put this in my will giving her an easement could this happen. We told her it would have to meet the Township Ordinance but also to check with an attorney in regards to the will.

Karen Flahie – Just wanted to confirm that the Public Hearing was to put back in the Ordinance what was accidentally omitted in the recent update. We answered yes it was. She than asked what the next step was? Lindemann answered the Planning Commission would make a recommendation to the Township Board for their approval. If approved it gets publicized for 30 days prior to being adopted.

Beth Heuser – Wants to have opportunity to discuss and plan for the future and wants to have Scott Brown speak.

Catherine Roberts – Asked if this existed in 2002 and 2009 why doesn't it exist now. The answer was it got omitted in the last update and does not just carry over.

Gerald Swartout – Stated that all the Bonnie Brae lots are 30'. He wondered what would happen to these. The answer was they are grandfathered in because they already exist.

Crystal Curtis – Asked if there was an association for Pleasant Lake? The answer was yes there was and that it had existed for a long time.

Karen Flahie – Stated she really wanted to see this go forward tonight.

Hearing nothing more from the audience a motion was made by Lindemann with support from Little to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed. Public Hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary

