

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2013
These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

Members present – Matt Little, Susan Ochs, Dan Schaible, Larry Lindemann, Carol Huehl and Planners Bill DeGroot and Rodney Nanney.

A motion was made by Little with support from Schaible to move the new business in front of the old business and then to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ochs with support from Huehl to dispense reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Communications – MTF (Michigan Township Focus).

Audience Participation – Karen Flahie asked if the Enbridge tanks were being emptied. Answer was yes at a very slow rate. She asked about the Beautification grant by Enbridge. Answer was we have not finalized it yet. We need to resubmit it. We could use more ideas on what to use it for Karen then asked if we had reviewed the site plan for the Gas Company Answer was no not yet. We did take care of some of the light pollution problem.

New Business:

1) Application for Stoneco expansion. OHM had reviewed the application and Marcus replied no concerns with the Hydrogeologic study. The planners report was given. After reviewing it the permit needs to be transferred to Stoneco fully complete. Susan Ochs said we were fortunate to have Steve Lemons in our Township; what they have done with Waterland is just awesome. Steve was asked if there was a plan for the pipeline. He stated there was no plan to change the where-about of the line. Chairman Lindemann said we can't deny the right to extract but we can regulate it. Lindemann said to add tax Ids to special land permits. Reclamation will be to return to agricultural use. Lindemann asked if there could be a time limit on a conditional use permit. The answer was the Township needs to take action to revoke it when everything is done. PA116 will be reinstated after the gravel extraction is done. Little said it would be nice to help the cause by saying this was previously untillable ground and now it is. Show how many more acres would be useful after the restoration. Restoration ratio would be a possible name for this. Steve Lemons urged the Planning Commission to take action as soon as possible. He really wanted it done in August. Larry spoke on adding parcels and amending the permit. Special use and extraction can go hand in hand or separate. Huehl made a motion to approve the conditional use permit and to extend and include conditional use permit 80-A for Stoneco along with attachment C of the permit application. Ochs supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Schaible – yes, Little – yes Lindemann –yes, Ochs – yes and Huehl – yes. Motion passed. Little made a motion with support from Schaible to approve the extraction permit per Ordinance 32 based upon the recommendations of the Planners and Engineers reports. A roll call vote was

taken: Schaible – yes, Little – yes, Lindemann – yes, Ochs – yes and Huehl –yes. Motion passed.

2) The Gravel Pit tour will be Saturday, September 7, 2013 starting at 8:00p.m. at the Stoneco (Waterland Pit).

Reports: It was asked where we stand with C & T pit. Lindemann said hopefully there would be 3 bids to restore the pit violations at the Board meeting next week

Audience Participation: It was asked if we would post the new Zoning Ordinance on the website. The answer was yes prior to the Public Hearing on it. Planner Rodney Nanney suggested we finalize the review at our October meeting and then have the Public Hearing in December. This would give Public time to review.

Chairman Lindemann adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary