

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
May 12, 2009, 8:00pm

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Supervisor Weidmayer called the meeting to order at 8:00PM.  
Members present: Haeussler, Weidmayer, Huehl, Alexa & Schaible

2. Pledge of Allegiance – a moment of silence for Ruth Kuebler.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Huehl Seconded by Schaible to:  
Approve the April 14, 2009 Township Board minutes with corrections. Motion carried by all Ayes. CARRIED

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Moved by Alexa seconded by Huehl to: Approve the April 14, 2009 Treasurers report.  
Roll call vote was unanimous. Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Weidmayer, Alexa, Haeussler Nay: none CARRIED

**5. Communications:** May 28<sup>th</sup> MSU extension office is having a class regarding effective meetings. Barrett paving Material Inc. donated two loads of gravel to Hieber road to improve the condition of the road. Barrett paving material Inc. is having an open house June 20<sup>th</sup> from 11-3pm, the public is welcome and there will be vans to take people around the gravel pit. Recycle Ann Arbor provided the township with brochures on various services. Report on the road commission actives for the month of April for the township.

**6. Public Comment:** Todd and Julie Irwin was present to discuss the possibility of purchasing parcel 4 of Hickory Sticks golf course that parcel is 26 acres plus the clubhouse, the couple would like to open a clubhouse tent combination for weddings, corporate events etc.

**7. Reports:**

History report: a book was found on the first settler, Preston on Waters rd, which is now Leroy Buss's farm, Preston conducted the first board meeting. The USDA reported that the wild boars that were shot tested negative.  
Planning Commission Report: Bucholtz application tabled until June 2009. Land division for the Mann's, PC Chair and Supervisor are speaking with the planner. Reviewed bylaws. June 2<sup>nd</sup> Barrett is having the base line water testing of seven wells. Gravel pit tour, not much has changed from last year due to the economy. A full copy of the PC minutes is available through the clerk's office.  
Ordinance enforcement officer report: Alvin and a representative from the Department of Agriculture met with the homeowner of the wild boars, the Dept. of Agriculture said the pen for the boars meets the requirements. The DNR and MDA (animal division) is making a ruling on how many boars can be kept at a residents property.  
Zoning Inspector report: No Zoning, many inquires.  
Library report: Annual meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> to approve the budget and election of officers. The Library will be replacing all adult and children computers. After Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Library will be open on Sundays noon to 4pm.  
Clerks report: May 5<sup>th</sup> School election, number of voters 40.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

A sign for Freedom Township hall was discussed again with alternatives maybe using letters above the entrance. The Township needs new bids for Town Hall doors.

**9. New Business:**

Moved by Weidmayer seconded by Haeussler to have the resolution for the Riparian act repealed that was passed in February 2001. A roll call vote resulted in:

Aye: Alexa, Schaible, Haeussler, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

Moved by Alexa seconded by Huehl a resolution to amend the zoning ordinance to adopt the Riparian act, section 10.

Aye: Haeussler, Huehl, Weidmayer, Schaible, Alexa Nay: none CARRIED

Moved by Huehl seconded by Schaible a resolution to assert the right of the Freedom Township board of Trustees to approve or reject the master plan. A roll call vote resulted in:

Aye: Schaible, Huehl, Alexa, Weidmayer, Haeussler Nay: none CARRIED

Moved by Weidmayer seconded by Alexa to send Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl to the MSU extension meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Motion carried by all Ayes. CARRIED

Moved by Huehl seconded by Schaible to spend up to \$1000 on the water testing for the first alert monitoring plan for Barrett. A roll call vote resulted in:

Aye: Schaible, Haeussler, Alexa, Huehl, Weidmayer Nay: none CARRIED

**10. Warrants:** Moved by Haeussler, seconded by Huehl: To approve warrants 8573-8593. Roll call vote was unanimous.  
Aye: Haeussler, Huehl, Weidmayer, Schaible, Alexa Nay: none CARRIED

**11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.  
Jennifer Alexa, Clerk, Freedom Township