

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2005

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

Members present: DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Lindemann, Miller, Ochs and Tschiltz

Minutes of the September 6, 2005 meeting were read. A motion by Miller with support by Tschiltz to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Communications: Huron River Report, Washtenaw County Planning letter, Washtenaw Recycles report, Draft maps of county right-a-way, letter from Washtenaw County roads, Michigan Township news for September, fax from Don Pennington for 1 ½ hours with Washtenaw Co Parks. Also, a copy of a letter that Michael Gebhard had sent to James Sallee in regards to Barrett proposed lake was given to each Commission member. An email was received by Huehl about protecting Michigan's wetlands; a workshop to be held at the Washington Street Education Center in Chelsea on November 2, 2005. Bob Miller and Carol Huehl would like to attend the workshop if possible. Registration needs to be in by October 15, 2005.

Audience Participation: Dale Sawyer from American Aggregate received a phone call from Barrett Paving Materials and requested a copy of the consent judgment. He agreed to make a copy available to them. David Davis said he saw a dust trail over 100 yards carried down Pleasant Lake Road from the American Aggregate Pit. Also wondered about the loading before 7:00 a.m.; if it was still happening. David Davis also expressed his feeling on a wetland ordinance and feels that it is clearly needed. He is willing to do anything to help get this started. He strongly urged the Commission to get this done. A lot of discussion followed between members of the audience and Planning Commission members. The Township Board would have to approve the ordinance but it would be the task of the Planning Commission to get one in place.

Old Business

1. Site plan review for the Panhandle application. We received more information from Planner Pennington. Pennington is working with them to get all the available information. He submitted to the Chair what he had and wondered if it would be deemed adequate or not. The Commission would like to receive a written report from Pennington about his review of the application and whether or not it complies with our ordinance. Each member needs to get a copy before our next meeting. The Commission decided we should have this copy by October 21, 2005 to review before the meeting. Normally it is up to the applicant to provide all copies. However, Chairman Lindemann will do this. The application was tabled by Chairman Lindemann.

Update on Waterland and American Aggregates meeting. The Subcommittee of Miller, DeLoof and Lindemann did not meet in September. The Subcommittee will meet next week and then set up a meeting time with Waterland and American Aggregates. Peter

DeLoof made a motion to extend the Bond Application for both American Aggregates and Waterland Gravel Pits until January 31, 2006. Motion second by Jeff Horning. Motion Passed.

3. Washtenaw County Parks application. Updates were given by DeLoof and Pennington. DeLoof had been in contact with Tom Freeman and he said they were considering how to best address our concerns as a Planning Commission. We were wondering what would happen if the County were to sell the property. If they can meet the Ordinance requirements and supply a draft of all conditions along with all other requirements DeLoof will draft the language and get it to Pennington and each of the Commission members by October 21, 2005 for us to review before our next meeting. Chair tabled application until our next meeting.

4. Update on Barrett lake application with the State DEQ. There will be a meeting tomorrow October 5, 2005 with Barrett here at the Township Hall. As the DEQ gets the information they are to forward it to the Township. Letters should be written to the Water Quality Division, Wetlands Division and as well as DEQ needs to get letters.

New Business

1. Washtenaw County Roads extension to remove stock piling on Bethel Church Road. We did not need to grant an extension. It should not be happening anymore. Chairman Lindemann will follow up with a letter to the County.

A motion was made by DeLoof to adjourn with a second from Miller. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Huehl, secretary