

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
April 4, 2006

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Huehl, Lindemann, Miller, Ochs, Tschiltz Absent: DeLoof and Horning. Planner Don Pennington was present.

Minutes of the March 7, 2006 meeting were read. A motion was made by Tschiltz to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Communications: American Aggregate review of Extraction Ordinance, Barrett Paving review of Extraction Ordinance, Mitigating Traffic Impacts, Bridgewater notice of review. An email from Terry Brinkman, Principal Planner Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment, about Draft Policies and Procedures for the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund – State PDR Program.

Audience Participation: None

Old Business:

1. Update on Waterland and American Aggregates meeting. The Sub-Committee is waiting for a reply from American Aggregates on the Geoforensics letter and then a date will be set for another meeting. There was concern mentioned over the ridge between American Aggregate and Waterland. Has there been any progress over this? A member felt it was a relatively simple issue and should have been resolved by now. The Sub-Committee is trying to get the full picture of both gravel pits and not just a small portion of it. Discussion followed about the report from Robert Hayes.

2. Washtenaw County Parks application. Tom Freeman from the Washtenaw County Parks had talked to Peter DeLoof and said they had no problems with what the Planning Commission was asking of them. Planner Pennington has sent a letter to Mr. Freeman asking him to forward all information that they have so far on to the Planning Commission. The application has been tabled until this information has been submitted and the Planning Commission has had a chance to review it.

3. Site Plan review Panhandle application. The Planning Commission has now received an aerial photo. Planner Pennington would like to visit the site now and review it with them again. It was mentioned that there was no descriptions of what the buildings were and how they were used. Some of the Planning Commission members did not feel that this was necessary. A letter of acceptance will be written to Panhandle by Planner Pennington and after receiving this letter the Commission will go ahead with the approval.

4. Amendments and recommendations from Mark Reading on the Extraction Ordinance. A work session has been set for April 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Freedom Township Hall.

5. Update on Barrett Lake application with the State DEQ office. It was mentioned that Barrett does not want to miss the re-application date. An informal meeting will be set up with Barrett. There have been some more questions that need to be discussed.

6. C & T Transport review of new information submitted. Rob Martin was present to answer any questions the Commission had. Rob asked just what water tests the Commission wanted? He stated that the new ordinance needed to be more specific in this area. The Commission has received the new aerial photo for his pit. Rob also felt the new ordinance needs to be clear on what materials removed and moved on site mean. He has hired Asti to come out and do his water report; we will be getting it soon. Concern was mentioned over whether there is enough material for the restoration of the pit. Rob claims that there is.

New Business:

1. The Planning Commissions meeting date for May had to be changed due to a conflict with an Election at the Townhall. The regular May meeting will be held on May 3, 2006.

2. The PDR workshop at Lodi Townhall was attended by Susan Ochs, Larry Lindemann and Peter DeLoof. They felt it was a very worth while workshop.

A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Huehl to adjourn. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary