

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 7, 2006

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Minutes of the January 3, 2006 meeting were read and corrected. A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Horning to accept the minutes as read and corrected.

Motion passed.

Communications: Michigan Township News, Invoice from Don Pennington for time spent with Washtenaw County Parks and Panhandle Site Plan for December and January, and The Vehicle.

Audience Participation: None

Old Business:

1. Update on Waterland and American Aggregates Meeting. The Sub-committee did meet on January 19, 2006 and should be getting a report from Robert Hayes by the middle of this month. After the report is received another meeting will be set up.
2. Washtenaw County Parks application. Don Pennington met with Mr. Freeman and drafted a Conditional use permit for the Commission Members to review. This draft also includes information on conditions to be placed on it. The Planning Commission Members are to review it and forward any questions to Don or e-mail him. All comments on the draft are to be given to Don by Friday, February 17, 2006. This was tabled until our next meeting.
3. Site Plan review Panhandle application. Don Pennington met with Tim Walters and he said he was going to have the site flown and then depict everything on the photo of the site. This information will be provided to us soon.
4. Amendments and recommendations from Mark Reading on the Extraction Ordinance. At this time the Commission was not sure if Robert Hayes (Hydrogeologist) comments had been included. Lindemann was going to check on this.
5. Update of Barrett Lake application with the State DEQ office. The Commission had not received any new information. The deadline to reactivate application is June of 2006. Don Rosenbarger offered to give a report.

New Business:

1. Annual gravel pit reports. American Aggregate was first with Dale Sawyer giving the report. 439,913 tons of material was removed in 2005. No restoration on the mining area has occurred. In the spring the southeast corner of the property was reseeded along with the overburden storage areas of the west side of the permitted area. They intend to make a berm to hide the scale house but will let the commission know before they do it. The equipment list was the same as last year. Estimated tonnage to be removed in 2006 is 450,000. There was concern over the speed of the gravel trucks and needs expressed for more monitoring.

Barrett Paving report was given by Don Rosenbarger. The amount of tonnage removed in 2005 was 528,249. Restoration activities were the installation of all required vegetation and plants in the wetland area and monitoring of the two large areas restored in 2004 to maintain ground cover. There were 0.30 acres of mitigated wetland restored as required. Total number of acres disturbed was 108 acres. The anticipated tonnage to be removed in 2006 is similar to last year 528,000 tons. Other than the application for a lake permit they were unaware of any complaints against them. An equipment list was given with the value of the equipment to be received later. The Commission will receive an aerial photograph as soon as one is finished.

C & T Trucking – Rob Martin was unable to make our meeting and sent a report; however the report was not complete. A letter will be sent to Mr. Martin requesting the rest of the information to complete the report and also invite him to the March meeting to give his report.

Waterland Trucking report was given by Steve Lemons the General Operation Manager. It was noted that the report was good and had been given to the Commission members in advance for review. In 2005 the amount of tonnage removed was 222,157.94 tons. Restoration occurred mainly in the North Central quadrant adjoining a permanent descending access slope to the 940 elevation. Area of land restored was approximately 3 acres. Extraction and restoration activities will occur in the Northeast Quadrant of the facility during 2006. Waterland was pleased to report no complaints during the year. An area photograph from March 11, 2005 is on file.

2. Michigan Aggregate formerly (T & M Gravel pit) will be invited to our March meeting to give a review of planned activities.

3. A Hubble, Roth and Clark quote and recommendation of \$5,000 for escrow amount for Michigan Aggregate was received for review. A review needs to be done before the begin to mine.

4. A date for the annual visit to the Gravel Pits has been set for May 6, 2006 beginning at 8:30 a.m. starting at Barrett Paving.

A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Horning to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary