

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 3, 2006

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

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

Minutes of the April 4, 2006 meeting were read and amended. Under Old Business paragraph 2; it should read Bob Teetens from the Washtenaw County Parks. Tschiltz made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Horning seconded. Motion passed.

Communications: Trails and Greenways Workshop to be held on Thursday, May 25, 2006, MTA News, MSU Extension Workshop on new zoning and enabling act, WCRC Capital Improvement Plan, Asti letter on C&T Trucking, OH&M seminar report, WCP&E program report, Municipalities & Developer's obligations concerning private community sewer systems, Washtenaw Co. Dept of Planning and Environmental and Brownfield Redevelopment Program.

Audience Participation: Joanne Kemner a citizen of Freedom Township expressed her concern over the lack of concern from the Gravel Pits (particularly Barrett) in regards to water quality of the surrounding residents. The Commission responded that Barrett had expanded out beyond their property lines with wells to keep monitoring the water. The Commission also felt that the communication between Barrett and the Planning Commission was much better. Also, the cooperation has risen greatly since the new management. Robert Hayes will be monitoring the wells for the Township. Further discussion and comments followed. It was expressed that hopefully the past work session of the Extraction ordinance did not sway the Commissions thoughts about the proposed new Extraction Ordinance.

Old Business:

1. Update on Barrett Lake application with the State DEQ office. A review was given of the work plan to MDEQ. Also, Geoforensics draft review of work plan. A question was asked about 3d mapping and this question would be forwarded to Robert Hayes.
2. Update on Waterland and American Aggregates meeting. The next meeting of the Sub-committee, Barrett and Waterland is set for Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 7: 00 p.m. A commission member stated it was time to get this ridge issue solved and get it over with. It's been long enough. It was his understanding that a three person committee was assigned to solve the ridge issue only. It was stated that the Commission appreciates the additional data that Waterland and American Aggregate has been supplying.
3. Washtenaw County Parks application. Planner Pennington gave the Commission additional information for the application. However, the application will remain tabled until the review of this information for the next meeting. Planner Pennington was

instructed to get complete packets to each Commission member before the next meeting. The deadline to get to members was set for May 23, 2006.

4. Site plan review of Panhandle application. A memorandum to Timothy Walter from Larry Lindemann was read. Discussion followed. Lindemann made a motion that upon receipt of 4 signed copies of the site plan and payment of outstanding invoices along with a memorandum going to Panhandle that we approve the site plan for submittal along with various maps and letters of correspondence being identified. Support from Tschiltz. Motion passed by roll call vote.

5. Amendments and recommendations from Mark Reading and Robert Hayes on the Extraction Ordinance. The letter they sent the Commission was read. A lot of discussion followed. A concern was mentioned that the current ordinance had been written just 2 years ago and a whole year was spent on it at that time. Now a lot of money is being spent to rewrite it again. Also, concern was expressed that the ordinance had been passed off to the Township attorney and Hydrogeologist for review and rewriting instead of just a review. Another work session is definitely needed. The Commission members were instructed to get all of their comments to Lindemann by May 23, 2006 to be forwarded on to Reading and Hayes. The Commission members should receive another revised draft by June 6, 2006 to be reviewed before the next work session on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

6. Gravel Pit tour on May 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. starting with Barrett Paving.

New Business:

1. Brian Douds update on the Michigan Aggregate Pit off of Esch and Kothe Roads set for June 6, 2006
2. HRC Invoice #0079113 dated March 7, 2006. We have an outstanding invoice for \$6,576.24. The Commission is not happy with the replies or lack there of from HRC. A Sub-committee will be formed to review applications for a different Engineering Firm. This Sub-Committee will consist of Tschiltz, Huehl, possibly Ochs and one other.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary