

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
November 9, 2006

The meeting was called to by Chairman Lindemann at 7:32 p.m.

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

A motion was made by DeLoof to dispense of the reading of the minutes. Second by Horning. Motion passed. Minutes accepted.

Communications: Annual Planning Workshop November 30 at Weber's, Letter from Stoneco, Newsletter from MAP, The Roads newsletter and a Bridge map from Washtenaw County Roads.

Audience Participation: Beth Heuser was concerned about the extensive amount of dirt and dust on Pleasant Lake Road at the exit of the American Aggregate Pit. Dale Sawyer was present and said he would have the operations Manager use the Water Truck more. Dale is to report back to the Commission on this at the time of their annual report.

Old Business:

1) Washtenaw County Parks Application. The issue of fencing at property lines was discussed. It was decided to have the County contact the immediate property owners and verify if they want a fence or not and then let the Township know. This would then be added in the language of the permit along with the names of the owners who wanted the fencing. This will be continued at our next meeting.

2) Final draft of the Extraction Ordinance... The Commission members started to go through the ordinance page by page and were asked for any changes or comments. Two changes were mentioned one in regards to Environmental Impact Analysis and then in section 6:05 C use assurity bond instead of security deposit. Then the discussion and comments began. The Commission heard from each other as well as the representatives from the gravel pits. Everyone agreed that because of this extensive rewriting and cost of the Extraction Ordinance it should be correct. The communication between the gravel pits and the Township has improved a whole lot. DeLoof made a motion that we recommend to the Township Board the adoption of the ordinance with the two corrections mentioned this evening. There was no second. More discussion and a lot of concern followed. Planner Pennington was then asked for his comments on the ordinance. In summary, he said he could not fully endorse the new ordinance because he had not seen the final draft as he was asked to discontinue his work on it by the Township Board. DeLoof then withdrew his previous motion. Jeff Horning as Representative for the Township Board was asked to get the Township Boards approval to have Planner Don Pennington look over the new Extraction Ordinance. Therefore any further work on this has been tabled until we hear from the Township Board.

- 3) Update on Barrett Lake application with the State DEQ Office. We have not heard anything more about this.
- 4) Don Pennington recommendation and report on the Enabling Act. Don gave us his review and based on the Statue, Section 1 on dates by July; feels we need to get started on this. We should also make a general review on the balance of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 5) Our new Engineer Company OHM and their fall inspections of gravel operations for compliance to the ordinance. It was mentioned it would be good to have them do the inspections while the Gravel Pits are in operation.

New Business:

- 1) Waterland Fisheries Incorporated. We reviewed the letter that was sent to us by the President, Dr. Claud Anderson. The Right to Farm Act was mentioned. We need more information from the Waterland Fisheries and also should get a copy of the Right to Farm Act to further review this.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lindemann with a second from Huehl. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary