

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
August 7, 2007  
(unapproved minutes)

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

Members present: DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Lindemann and Ochs. Also present were Planners Pennington and DeGroot.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Horning to approve the minutes as read; support from DeLoof. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News, The Vehicle, Barrett Paving letter (variance request), Barrett Paving request OHM invoices 115790 and 117219 and WWCA letter on soil erosion.

The Barrett letter for a variance request was for the contour line of the reclamation plan. Review of the OHM invoice dated Jan 29 and May 11 was requested by Barrett as well. It was questioned whether or not a formal response was needed. After further review and discussion a motion was made by DeLoof with support from Lindemann that after review at the request of applicant on the invoice from OHM the invoice was approved and recommended for payment. Motion carried.

Western Washtenaw Conservation Authority letter on soil erosion. If the board approves a private road they must have all required permits on it; for example the soil erosion sediment permit.

A bill HR 2421 Grant Erosion Protective Agency. "This bill would regulate every wet area in the nation from ditches to groundwater". This article was in the Michigan Farm News and presented to the Commission by Susan Ochs.

Audience Participation: It was mentioned that the Waters Road Bridge was going to be repaired along with seven other bridges. There had been a Washtenaw County Road Commission meeting today. There was concern over stockpiles of gravel at C & T Trucking. It was noted that this was very good gravel and a double bottom truck was seen leaving there today.

Old Business:

- 1) Private Waste Water Ordinance-letter from Mark Reading. The wrong report was sent to him. The Planning Commission members will have Mr. Readings report before the next meeting to review.
- 2) Ordinance updates – Wireless Communications. There was some discussion and a thought that we should wait until the Company comes up with the needed money for the

project. DeLoof made a motion to table until our next meeting to see what the status is at that time. Support from Horning. Motion passed.

3) Update on Barrett Lake with the State DEQ Office. A meeting was held on July 30, 2007 at the Township Hall with petitioners and all other interested parties. The status report needs to go to the State by August 31, 2007. The Township wanted to hear Barrett's response to their questions. It was asked if there was any indication as to when it would be resolved. The answer was no it is a process. Who's responsible for the report? Mark Hopper will prepare the report. It was also mentioned that the Sierra Club has joined the petitioners. We asked Marcus if 5' contour gets him what he needs. He replied it was appropriate for some areas but probably not all areas. A topo of one 2' and one 5' has been done and turned in.

4) Growth Management Plan updates. There are no new updates at this time. A proposed draft from two months ago was given and any questions or comments are to be forwarded to Bill DeGroot before he goes forward.

5) Natural resource ordinance. The Township has given the Planning commission permission to go ahead with this. Any neighboring ordinances will be assembled to let the Planning Commission members look at. Commission members were given an assignment to review Lodi and Sharon Townships Natural Features ordinance. A revised Zoning Ordinance was requested for the Township to post electronically.

New Business:

1) SWWCOG Regional Planning Commission Agreement. The next meeting will be on August 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sharon Township Hall. Anyone interested may attend.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Horning with support from Ochs to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Huehl, secretary