

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
January 2, 2007

(unapproved minutes posted 1/10/07)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lindemann at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Lindemann, Ochs

Minutes of the previous meeting on December 5, 2006 were read. A motion was made by Horning with support from DeLoof to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed. Minutes accepted as read. A motion was made by Lindemann to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the special meeting on December 27, 2006. Horning supported the motion. Motion passed. Minutes accepted as presented.

Communications: Michigan Township News, MDEQ permit (install staff gauge), Saline Township update notice.

Audience Participation: Robert Miller would like to see a natural resources inventory list be prepared for properties. He felt this was a good way to look at the property.

Old Business:

1) Amendments and recommendations from Mark Reading on the Extraction Ordinance. A review was given by Don Pennington. He feels the ordinance is very comprehensive and that Freedom Township was the first with such an extensive one. Wetlands as well as other natural resources should be revered. The Growth Management Plan polices also need to be updated. The Extraction Ordinance needs to be compatible with the Zoning Ordinance. Don cautioned us on asking for additional information; he said to make sure it was necessary. Don will give his review to Mark Reading and provide his comments along with the marked up copy of the ordinance to him and then give an updated draft with these items all highlighted to the Commission. Upon approval of the Township Board the Commission would like to have Don Pennington and Mark Reading review the ordinance together. The Commission members will have an updated draft before the next regular meeting in February.

2) Update on Barrett Lake application with the State DEQ office. A letter dated December 28, 2006 was submitted to the DEQ from Barrett. The DEQ has 63 calendar days to respond.

3) Waterland Fisheries Incorporated. The Commission has not received any response from the letter that was sent out on December 20, 2006.

New Business:

- 1) Re-cap of the past year of meetings for the Planning Commission was presented by Huehl.
- 2) Calendar for the Planning Commission meetings in 2007. A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Horning to have the meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. unless there was a conflict with the Township Hall. Motion passed.
- 3) Reclamation Bond amounts from OHM for 2007. Report on inspection from OHM. Marcus McNamara gave a review of both. Overall he felt the sites were in good shape. He used 2004 photos plus field measurements were taken and used. The bonds come due January 31 of each year. A motion was made by Horning with support from DeLoof to set C & T Transports bond at the recommended amount of \$292,000.00. Motion passed. A motion was made by Horning with support by DeLoof to set Levy/American Aggregates Trucking bond at the OHM recommended amount minus the East wall which is in negotiations. This bond amount would be \$283,000.00. Motion passed. A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Horning to set Barrett Paving reclamation bond amount at \$1,350,000.00 based on the OHM report. Motion passed. A motion was made by Horning with support from DeLoof to set Waterland Trucking bond at the OHM recommended amount minus the West wall which is in negotiations. This amount would be \$511,000.00. Motion passed.
- 4) Letter of invitation to Gravel Pits for the Annual Report which is due on February 6, 2007 which is out next regular meeting. The letters will be done by Huehl with the new bond amounts given. The Gravel Pits need to have these reports to Huehl to be distributed to the other Planning Commission members ten days in advance of the meeting or they will not be included in the agenda. Aerial photos are due at the time of inspection in the spring.
- 5) Report of SWWCOG was given by Lindemann. He spoke about the application to improve livability. Additional information is on their Website if anyone is interested.
- 6) Brief discussion on the amendments of the Zoning Ordinance. Planning Commission members are to begin looking at the Zoning Ordinance to start preparations for future updates.
- 7) Election of Officers for 2007. A motion was made by Ochs with support from Horning to obtain Officers as is. Motion passed. Officers for 2007 are Chairman – Larry Lindemann, Vice Chairman – Peter DeLoof and Secretary – Carol Ann Huehl.

A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Huehl to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Secretary