

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
July 2, 2007

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

Members Present: DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Lindemann and Ochs. Also present, William DeGroot, Planning Consultant.

A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Horning to dismiss of the reading of the previous months minutes. Motion passed.

Communications: WC Newspaper Regulation 6/15/07, New letter from the Huron River Watershed, MTA News, Huron River Report, MTA Zoning Workshop, Application Correction of Barrett Paving to DEQ, Letter from Barrett Paving gravel pit tour.

Audience Participation: Bob Miller inquired if at the annual gravel pit tour American Aggregate had said anything more about trees being planted on the berm to hide the scale at the entrance to the pit. The answer was yes they are planning to do that and it was noted that they have been mowing. He also asked if the Commission was going to get a Natural features ordinance with a wet land ordinance tied to it. He wondered why there was resistance from some of the members. He was told that we were going to look into getting these ordinances for our Township. He also wondered how we could require restrictions without an ordinance. Lindemann will bring it back to the Township Board and seek their opinion on this. It was noted that Sharon Township had just adopted a Natural Features Ordinance.

Old Business:

- 1) Private Waste Water Ordinance. No updates have been received from Mark Reading. He has not finished his review of the ordinance. Lindemann will pass on to Planning Commission Members as soon as he gets it.
- 2) Ordinance Updates on Wireless Communications. The discussion continued on page 5 where we had left off last month. Numerous changes were suggested. Bill DeGroot will make changes in the ordinance based on our discussion and have a plan for us to look at before our next meeting. We will then have more discussion at that meeting.
- 3) Update on Barrett Lake with the State DEQ office. There was a meeting with DEQ on June 26, 2007 with petitioners. The meeting was for all interested parties. Need status report to state on talks by July 13, 2007.
- 4) Growth Management updates. Bill DeGroot gave us review of the recommended changes. He will have a plan update to Planning Commission members soon for their review.

5) It was requested to have Don Pennington give the Planning Commission a revised Zoning Ordinance so that we may get that posted.

New Business:

1) SWWCOG – Regional Planning Commission Agreement. Their next meeting is August 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sharon Township Hall.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by DeLoof with support from Ochs. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary