

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2007
(Unapproved Minutes)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lindemann at 7:38 p.m.

Members present: DeLoof, Lindemann and Ochs Absent were Horning and Huehl

Minutes from the previous meeting on February 6, 2007 were read. Changes were made to the discussion of 6" coverage to an "average of 3". Another change was made to reflect the agreement of C & T Trucking to submit a new plan to the township before the spring inspection meeting. A motion was made by DeLoof to accept the minutes as read with corrections, Ochs supported. Motion passed.

Communications: Huron River Report, MSU Extension Service Citizen Planner Classes, Wireless Washtenaw Forum March 26, 2007, Letter from Don Rosenberg (Barrett) to James Sallee (MDEQ) requesting a time extension for the Barrett Application, Article in Wall Street Journal (Thursday, February 22, 1007) "Home Owners and Builders Tackle Water Issues."

Audience Participation: The Planning Commission was requested to start looking into the possibility of the sewer lines or a small wastewater system that would protect the residents along the lake community. The Pleasant Lake Association conducted many surveys regarding the installation of sewer lines and the response was that as of now a majority of the lake residents are not interested in talking about sewer lines. DeLoof said the Township would really need to understand the impacts to the lake and the Township as a whole before making any decisions on or where sewer lines would be introduced. How development would happen, how it is finances, what are the potential problems, and what re all of the impacts? These questions would have to be examined as part of the total question. In the mean time he sees the Township acting as a facilitator between development and other agencies. He requests that they send a letter to the Township Board expressing their concerns. Lindemann requested that this conversation should be conducted at the Township Board level and the Planning Commission will only look into this subject as a directive from the Township Board.

Old Business:

1) Amendments and recommendations from Mark Reading on the Extraction Ordinance. Lindemann stated that he and Mr. Mark Reading held telephone conversations talking about the corrections to the draft suggested by Mr. Don Pennington. A final draft should be ready by the next Planning Commission Meeting.

2) Update on Barrett Lake Application with the State DEQ Office. Letter from Barrett dated March 2, 2006 filing for extension of 20% (extending time line.) The regulations that restrict an application processing period contain a 20% extension period. This is

what we asked for in writing contained in the March 2, 2007 letter to the MDEQ. They do not fully understand if that means 20% of the sixty day period or a different time period, but they are acting as if it is of the sixty day period, which would be a twelve day extension.

3) Spring gravel pit tour is May 5, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. starting at C & T Trucking site.

New Business:

1) Annual report from the Barrett Paving Gravel Pit. In 2006 they removed 356,000 ton of material from the pit, including C & T Trucking processed material. In 2006 no additional mitigation or landscaping occurred. Three additional acres were disturbed by the operation. Total number of disturbed acres now at 111 acres. Well logs for 14 wells are installed and tested.

DeLoof wondered who they sent the well information to. The answer was to OHM but Bob did not get a copy of this presented and updated information. Lindemann asked about the number 6 staff gauge if it had been replaced yet. This gauge was damaged by equipment and is not collecting data, in fact it is not shown on the map, will it be replaced and where will it be? Barrett answered that the gauge should be replaced and it was damaged, but we will get a proper location for its replacement soon. DeLoof asked with all of the equipment and well logs being measured does Barrett conduct water chemical testing. Barrett said they are in compliance with the existing Ordinance. DeLoof then asked if Barrett would voluntarily conduct chemical testing on the wells. Barrett will follow the Ordinance, but may consider it if the Township could specify which test they would want done. If Mr. Hayes submitted to Barrett a list of testing criteria would they conduct tests? Barrett responded that they would consider compliance with further testing. A timeline of ten days was established to have a list of testing criteria.

The 2007 projections for tons removed from the site are about 360,000. Restoration will occur around the lake, slopes and banks along the Southwest of the lake will disappear as the product is removed and restoration is conducted. The product being removed this year will remove the roadway through the lake and concentrate activity along the Southwest end of the lake.

DeLoof asked what the plan for restoration in 2007 was and is it still compliant with the existing submission to the Township or will an amendment be needed? Barrett said when their MDEQ permit is approved an amendment will be submitted to the Township. The reclamation plan is still compliant because we are still taking material out of the lake area, and thus are still in compliance with the submitted plan. It was agreed that Barrett would submit a new and updated restoration plan by the October Planning Commission meeting so it could coincide with the inspection review conducted by OHM.

Barrett did not know of any complaints with the pit operations. They supplied an on site equipment list which was the same as last year. They have not completed an updated aerial because of weather problems but will supply a final photo before the May

inspection. The bond account will be compliant with the Township Planning Commission action at the last meeting and was agreed upon by Barrett. All permits issued by Washtenaw County including Pollution Prevention are compliant for 2007.

2) Private Waste Water Ordinance. Don Pennington and OHM jointly recommended creating a Freedom Township Private Waste Water Treatment Ordinance based on Lodi Township's model. Don Pennington would be responsible for generating a packet listing the recommended changes to the Growth Management Plan and the existing Zoning Ordinance to provide for the institution of such an ordinance. It was agreed he would have this material ready by the April meeting.

3) Zoning Act Update and review. Mr. DeGroot presented a packet that detailed the suggested mandatory changes to the Zoning Ordinance required by the changes in the State law. It was suggested that this packet be combined with the Waste Water corrections and submitted to Mr. Mark Reading and the Township Board for approval before July 1, 2007.

4) SWWCOG regional plan implementation workbook. Lindemann presented the packet of material the SWWCOG has generated in cooperation with a grant from Washtenaw County and LEA. Items being considered are joining Planning Commission with SWWCOG and joint Planning Advisory Board with SWWCOG. The intentions of each would be explained to SWWCOG at the next meeting March 14, 2007. If anyone is interested please attend.

A motion was made by Ochs to adjourn the meeting with support from DeLoof. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary