

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2008
(Unapproved)

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Lindemann and Ochs. Planner DeGroot was present. Also, guests Ken Vermulen, Barrett Paving Attorney and Mark Roby who is working on the maps for the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Ochs to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed. A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Horning to dispense of the reading of the minutes from two previous work sessions held on January 22 and February 26, 2008. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News, Lesson from the land and an upcoming Food System Conference to be held on April 3, 2008. Jeff Horning went to an Animal Agriculture meeting recently and gave a short report on it. He has a booklet and information is anyone is interested in seeing it.

Audience Participation: Beth Heuser thanked Jeff for taking the time to go to the meeting on Animal Agriculture.

Old Business:

1. Barrett Paving. A status report was sent asking for a 90 day extension and was granted February 28, 2008. Ken Vermulen, Barretts' Attorney went over some maps of the Barrett Paving property and explained about the current and proposed lake expansion areas. Concerns were stated in regards to a mining plan versus a reclamation plan and also the hours of business. Horning asked about the time frame for the permit and when would it be done. It was felt that they were very close to finishing it. The Commission members were asked to forward any comments by email to Chairman Lindemann who would forward them on to Attorney Mark Reading. Planner DeGroot expressed a concern about Reclamation Plans. What happens when a developer doesn't follow the reclamation plans? What's the Township position on the violations if they are found and how would they be enforced and by whom?
2. Site Plan Review – Greene Manufacturing. No new information has been received from applicant. Tabled until new information is received.
3. Ordinance updates – Wireless Communications. A new draft was received with the revisions from the work session. A Public Hearing was set for April 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Freedom Town hall.
4. Growth Management Plan updated draft. This was tabled until next meeting.

5. Rezoning Application Request for Place 1 LLC (Ron Milkey) located at 11700 Pleasant Lake Road. There was some discussion over the application and a couple items that were missing. Ron Milkey was asked to get the information to Carol Huehl by March 7, 2008 so that the Public Hearing Notice could be sent for publication. The items to be received were a scaled map of the property and a vicinity map with adjacent land uses and zoning classifications as well as a description of natural resources on the subject property. A Public Hearing was set for April 3, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

6. Natural Features Ordinance. This was tabled due to the late hour and more business to cover.

New Business:

1. Manchester Joint Planning Commission Map presentation by Mark Roby. Mark went over the current maps for the three townships and asked the Commission members to look at each Township and consider where we would like to see future growth, Commercial expansion, densities and etc. We were asked to look at the definitions in the regional plan to see if they would work or if they needed to be changed. He would like to have our input as soon as possible or at least in the next month.

2. C & T Materials Inc. Annual Gravel Pit Report. Rob Martin was present to give his report.

3. Heimerdinger boundary adjustment. The request was to make Parcel A from 5 acres to 8.2 acres and Parcel B from 11.22 acres to 8.19 acres. A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Horning to accept this as a boundary adjustment with reference to the land division approved on December 18, 2000. A roll call vote was taken. DeLoof, yes; Horning, yes; Huehl, yes; Lindemann, yes and Ochs, yes. Motion passed.

4. Zoning Ordinance update memo from Don Pennington dated August 8, 2007. This was tabled to our next meeting due to the late hour.

A motion was made by Huehl with support from Ochs to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Secretary