

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Public Hearing for Master Plan
November 6, 2008

Public Hearing called to order by Chairman Lindemann at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Horning with support from Huehl to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed.

Members present: Horning, Huehl, Lindemann, Ochs and Planner DeGroot. Absent DeLoof

Beth Heuser - in regards to the Lake district would like to take out Hamlet – seasonal cottages. She asked if the residential converted restaurant was the Pleasant Lake Inn. It is.

Catherine Roberts – If residential is limited to Lake Frontage she wondered how the school would be handles. It has to be removed from the plat of the Bonnie Bray.

Bob Miller – Asked who wrote the Lake District section? Bill DeGroot did and it was looked over by the Pleasant Lake Association. He wondered about the boundaries of the Lake District.

Larry Lindemann – The Lake District does not change how the properties are zoned.

Catherine Roberts – Road ends-public versus private- anything being done about this? Not at this time.

Chuck Darnell – Map of the Lake District shows a lot of agricultural; there is actually residential in some of these areas. Could this be changed to residential? Reply was no this does not change the zoning by having a house on it. We will check this map with the current zoning map.

Bob Eichinger – Asked about special corridors on page 38. Is there a process to have a corridor designated as special?

Larry Lindemann – We have had a lot of discussion about this. A lot of special roads that should be preserved. He referred to pg 40 section G.

Bill DeGroot – The County has a right-away map. How can Pleasant Lake Road be changed? Best to put Freedom Township in a position to discuss this.

Catherine Roberts – Ellsworth Road should be declared a special corridor.

Chuck Darnell – Reposting of speed limits on Pleasant lake Road; there is a lot of recreational use on Pleasant Lake Road. If there had been a plan in this document could it have been prevented? Response was we did not have anything for it.

Larry Lindemann – What to use the road right-away for? We have a 120 foot right-away now. Should this be used for bikeways or walkways or perhaps we don't need such a large right-away.

Chuck Darnell – There should be some other place for these concepts to go.

Bill DeGroot – referred to the drawings on page 41 and 42.

Catherine Roberts – If this were a Village could we regulate the traffic thru here? Response was no it is State regulated.

David Davis – On page 31 in the second paragraph the cording needs to e changed. C-1 needs to be changed – actually the total map should be revised. The statistics on characteristics of the populations' numbers do not add up.

Bill DeGroot – The documents used are put out by SWWCOG. There are not 647 houses in Freedom Township. The 2008 totals are projected persons per household from top to bottom in 2000 does not match. On page 11 the first paragraph over a hundred years. On page 24 the land use map the water and cultural outdoor recreation and cemetery needs to be changed. On page 43 should 1200 acres be changed to 1500 acres? Response was yes.

Dan Schaible – There's no mention of agricultural in the Lake District. On page 31 in the third paragraph. In the first paragraph add agriculture in the non-residential uses.

Bill DeGroot – Should we add agricultural as a sustainable long term goal? Response was yes. Bill will define in the third paragraph.

Diane Schaible – If we want to sell some of the Lake District property is it still under the sliding scale? Response was yes.

A motion was made by Horning with support from Ochs to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed.

Larry Lindemann said it was good to have all this input and thanked everyone for coming.

Public Hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary