

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2009

These minutes have not been approved until our next meeting.

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

Members Present: DeLoof, Huehl, Lindemann, Ochs, Schaible and Planners Pennington and DeGroot.

A motion was made by Ochs with support from Huehl to dispense of the reading of the January minutes. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News. A motion was made by Schaible with support from Ochs to add to new business item #5 a brief report of the MTA Convention. The Washtenaw County Planners sent a note of appreciation to Planners Pennington and DeGroot on their comments about the joint Planning Commission.

Old Business:

- 1) Conditional use permit for Jennifer Bucholtz is tabled until June of 2009.
- 2) Gravel Pit reports from OHM. The inspections need to be done in October with a report including the bond amounts set in November. This is to meet the Extraction Ordinance requirement of bonds being in place 60 days prior to their expiration date of January 31st.
- 3) Don Pennington gave us a brief review of the things that need to be done to the Zoning Ordinance to be in compliance with 110. He told of the memos he had given us as well as articles to review. He felt we needed to set up some meetings to begin the process of review of the Zoning Ordinance update. Larry will check the calendar and let other members know of these special meetings. It was noted that Mondays and Wednesdays were not good for a few of the Planning Commission members.

New Business:

- 1) Gravel Pit annual reports. Waterland has been in business for 29 years. Not a lot of change for the year, tonnage was down due to a sign of the economic time. They updated their office and are at a new place just down the road ¼ of a mile from where they were. He noted that the time frame has changed on the goals of tonnage done per year. OHM asked if they could show the date changes on the restoration plan with a little more details. The variance request was also mentioned. American Aggregate also reported less tonnage for the year due to the economic time. He told us that all over burden is placed in a berm and then reseeded every year. He said everything is market driven and they will probably not be doing anymore stripping this year. There are 82 acres in the consent judgment. Dale will get us the updated aerial

map with boundaries listed. Dale also said he would make sure we got all the permits as they are renewed.

Barrett has done reclamation of the Southwest corner of the mining area directly south of the South Lake. The area to be mined this year is by the North Lake. They no longer have their own trucking company.

C&T Materials also had a slower year. There was a lot of concern on the part of the Township and the Planning Commission on the way things were handled by Rob Martin this year. Rob promised that he would definitely improve on the communications to us. The Gravel Pit Spring Tour was set for May 2, 2009 beginning at 8:00 a.m. starting at C& T Materials. The alternate date is May 9, 2009. Reminder letters will go out closer to the date of the tour.

2) The SWWCOG and MJPC meeting is set for February 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The location was unknown at the time but Larry will let us know.

3) Review options for the appointment of the 9th member to the MJPC. An idea would be to have the 9th member be a swing rotation between the different Townships each year. It would be important to have the 9th member be either a Township Board or Planning Commission member. This idea was agreeable to all the members present.

4) Brief report of the MTA Convention. Dale Weidmayer and Denny Huehl went on Tuesday and Peter DeLoof and Larry Lindemann went on Thursday. They all felt it was very informative and quite interesting. They felt the Township should send some people every year.

A motion was made by Huehl with support from Schaible to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Secretary