

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING FOR HICKORY STICKS GOLF COURSE
May 7, 2009

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Carol Huehl, Larry Lindemann, Dan Schaible and Planner Bill DeGroot.
Susan Ochs and Peter DeLoof came later.

A motion was made by Dan Schaible with support from Carol Huehl to open the Public Hearing on the repeal of a conditional use permit for Hickory Sticks Golf Course. Motion passed.

Billy Wedemeyer spoke to us about his reason for requesting the repeal of the conditional use permit for the golf course. He stated that they did not want the golf course anymore and they were doing this to close the business. He saw no need to leave the conditional use on the property. No one else required the conditional use to go away that he knew of but didn't want to get farther along and find out otherwise. He didn't want the conditional use to get in the way of any future use. The Liquor license has to be acted on by the Township. Billy said it was a Recreational Liquor License and that they did not renew it.

It was noted that the Township should still send something to the State letting them know what has happened. Larry Lindemann went over the factors to consider after Bill DeGroot gave a brief review of the Special Use Report.

Peter DeLoof asked if there were any specific requirements under this besides the Right-To-Farm. Bill DeGroot answered any potential uses which conflict with the agricultural practices.

Billy Wedemeyer said that the cart barn was a pole barn and the parking lot could be for any number of businesses to use for parking. The Club House might be able to be used for something with the Township approval.

Peter DeLoof asked what the plan was for the golf course.

Billy Wedemeyer answered to leave as is for now. With the cart trails and irrigation it would be a challenge to farm it.

OHM had concerns about the private roads. A copy of the permit from Washtenaw County Roads needs to be sent to the Township Clerk. They wondered about the drainage area around the culvert. The results of this need to be given to OHM.

The maintenance agreement was finished and Jennifer Alexa should have it. Billy Wedemeyer will register it when the deeds are registered. Billy will also call OHM to find out what they want to have done with the road.

DeLoof made a motion with support from Schaible to close the public hearing. Motion passed.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary