

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2010

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Adoption of the agenda: A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Schaible to put the new business first. A number three agenda item was added to schedule the Spring Gravel Pit Tours. Motion passed.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Ochs to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed. Minutes were approved as presented.

Communications: Michigan Wetlands meeting 3/12/10, HRWC storm water utility seminar 3/26/10, HRWC new phone system information; Larry has the numbers.

Audience Participation: Beth Heuser asked about the Beck Property. She asked about number of livestock allowed and expressed concern about the Wetlands leading to Pleasant Lake.

New Business:

1) C & T Transit annual gravel pit report. Rob Martin was present to give the report. In the last year they have seeded 3 ½ acres. The pit size is 39 acres. They started mining toward the end of last year and were only open for a week. There was a question about the photo dated 12/12/2009 and revised 1-14-2010. It shows them still mining in the setback area. We told Rob that we needed to have an updated map. The map should only show what is there now. Rob said he plans to continue the restoration. He mentioned that there was enough fill dirt for the reclamation. Rob said he had not received any complaints over the last year.

2) Zoning Ordinance Update. A work session was scheduled for March 30, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Lindemann will let us know if the Township Hall is available.

3) Gravel Pit Tours. A date for our annual gravel pit tours was set for May 1, 2010 at 8:00a.m. starting at Barrett Paving. Carol will send out letters to the gravel pits to let them know of the tour date. She was asked to remind them that based on the new Extraction Ordinance we are coming up on a permit renewal for extractions.

Old Business:

1) Discussion of “Lake District” Overlay Zoning. Planner DeGroot was asked to give the pros and cons of what Overlay Zoning and District Zoning have. The Commission gave permission to Bill to go forward with a plan for the Township Lake District.

Reports: Lindemann gave a brief report on the MCJPC and told what each Township needed to do before the next meeting. There were no other reports.

Audience Participation: No one left to respond.

Huehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting with support from Ochs. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary