

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2011

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lindemann at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Adoption of the Agenda: A motion was made by Little with support from Ochs to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Approval of the minutes: A correction was made to the minutes; the siting of a gravel train at 5:30 in the morning should have been listed under audience participation and not communications. A motion was made by Ochs with support from Schaible to accept the minutes with the above correction. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News

Audience participation: A member of the audience said it was upsetting to see the American Aggregate Scale house so close to the road. Wanted to know what was in the permit to make it more agreeable to people going down the road. It was explained that it is under a consent judgment and there was not much we could do about it. The audience member asked what a consent judgment was. The answer was they were originally denied a permit to extract because of the entrance to Steinbach Road. They came back and sued the Township and won the suit with a consent judgment. We cannot force them to change that. We could talk to Dale; he is easy to work with.

Old Business:

1) Stoneco Extraction Renewal Application. They have 5 monitoring wells and they have been monitored for over 10 years. We received at our meeting a response from Stoneco and Natural Resources Management, LLC in regards to the outline provided by the Township and Planner Don Pennington and a review of records that the Township had. Because we did not receive this in enough time for the Commission members to review ahead of the meeting we postponed any further review until our next meeting. Stoneco was asked what the maximum depth of the proposed lake would be. They said the lake will fluxuate due to weather conditions but it should not be deeper than 30 feet. They were asked how deep the gravel deposits were. They said not deeper than 30 feet. They were told it was important to talk about the finished grade. Also, the need to set a floor elevation, what the numbers would be. There were questions about berms and water quality. Marcus from OHM is corresponding with Planner DeGroot. If Commission members have questions we are to email them to Larry and he will pass them on. We will continue this review next month.

2) Zoning Ordinance update. We began at section 5.201 A. Accessory to single family dwellings. We continued to review some of the following sections and had a lot of good discussion. We will begin next time at section 5.204 Home Occupations.

New Business:

1) C & T Materials. No updates were given.

Reports: There were no reports.

Audience Participation: nothing more.

A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Ochs to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary