

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
January 2, 2013

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

We began by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Dan Schaible, Matt Little, Susan Ochs, Larry Lindemann and Carol Huehl. Planner Rodney Nanney was also present.

A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Huehl to change the order of the agenda by placing new business in front of the old business and then adopting the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Approval of minutes: Huehl thanked Planner Nanney for doing the minutes in her absence. A correction was made in new business under setting bonds for Barrett Paving in the second paragraph in stead of Jim Coval it should be Jim Sauder from Barrett. Schaible made a motion with support from Ochs to dispense of the reading of the minutes and to approve them as corrected. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News

Audience Participation: Dale Sawyer from Levy/American Aggregate had donated a blend product for use on part of Bethel Church Road and stated he had very good luck with it in other counties. He asked for our input either negative or positive. So far, dust control was the only issue. He said he was getting feed back that the Washtenaw County Road Commission does not want to use it again. His Sales Department is looking at the long range effect of this product on the roads; also a cost analysis. Dale also wants Marcus to recalculate his bond.

New Business:

1) Election of Officers for 2013. Susan Ochs stated that both Larry and Carol make what they do look so easy, but it's really not. After discussion and questions both Larry and Carol said they would do their jobs again. Schaible with support of Ochs nominated Larry Lindemann for Chairman. A roll call vote was taken. Little –yes, Schaible-yes, Ochs-yes, Huehl-yes and Lindemann-yes.

Lindemann with support of Schaible nominated Susan Ochs for Vice-Chairman. A roll call vote was taken. Little-yes, Schaible-yes, Lindemann-yes, Huehl-yes and Ochs-yes.

Ochs with support of Lindemann nominated Carol Huehl for Secretary. A roll call vote was taken. Little-yes, Schaible-yes, Lindemann-yes, Ochs-yes and Huehl-yes.

Planning Commission Officers for 2013 are Larry Lindemann – Chairman, Susan Ochs – Vice Chairman and Carol Huehl – Secretary.

2) Waterland Conditional Use Amendment. It was noted that the permit would have to be rewritten to amend it. There were no further questions or comments about the amendment. Lindemann made a motion with support from Ochs to amend the Conditional use for Waterland Trucking provided we have requirements stated in new permit dated in the 2011 renewal conditional use removing Burmeister leased premises are to allow mining within adjoining set back area. A roll call vote was taken. Little-yes, Schaible-yes, Lindemann-yes, Ochs-yes and Huehl -yes. Motion passed. Rodney will get to Bill to rewrite and get back to us to sign.

Old Business:

1) Zoning Ordinance update. Article 11.0 Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations.

Planner Nanney stated the change was to increase flexibility to the Township.

Section 11.03 1) Need to revise the weight of a commercial truck to the State requirements.

2) Recreational vehicle. Change to 15 days in a row and 90 days per calendar year.

3) Shared facilities – added a maximum shared parking.

Page 8 in the table for off street parking layout; put minimum right in the table heading.

It was mentioned that we should be careful to not over regulate.

Rodney will take the parking regulations back and do some revisions on it.

Article 12.0 Sign Regulations

Section 12.07 Billboards. After some discussion it was decided to not allow any billboards in our Township.

Reports: There were no reports.

Audience participation: Nothing more.

A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Huehl to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary