

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Virtual-Zoom Meeting

January 5, 2021

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Vice Chairman Matt Little called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members present: Matt Little (Freedom Township, Michigan), Dan Schaible (Freedom Township Michigan), Susan Ochs (Freedom Township Michigan), Mike Bossory (Freedom Township Michigan), Karen Flahie (Freedom Township Michigan) and Planner Rodney Nanney.

It was suggested by Little to move new business in front of old business. A motion was made by Flahie with support from Ochs to put new business in front of old. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Flahie with support from Ochs to dispense of reading the minutes from December 1, 2020 and approve them. The motion passed.

Communications: MTF magazine, Little said that Luke Schaible had passed away on December 19, 2020 and asked that we have a moment of silence for the Schaible family.

Audience participation: Nick Staniford thanked us for all our hard work. He was told he would be on the schedule until we can get to him.

New Business:

1) Land split for Beth Heuser. The two lots do not meet the Township ordinance. The survey has missing items. She was asked what was going to happen to the land. The application is incomplete and need to find out more information. Bossory asked if we were to do a lot transfer shouldn't each field have a drain field? Rodney responded that this would be beneficial. Flahie said Beth owns both these properties so Ron would not have to purchase one. Beth was asked if the West line could be moved between the two drain fields. She didn't like that idea. Bossory asked why not leave as is? Beth answered to make it easier in case it was sold. The best approach is to create small lots with drain fields on each. Rodney offered to meet with the surveyor and come up with suggestions. Little will go to take a look after he's out of Covid quarantine. Flahie offered to go look at the property. Schaible moved to postpone a decision on this at this time. Little supported. The motion passed.

2) Election of Planning Commission Officers.

For Chairman, Flahie nominated Matt Little. Ochs supported. A roll call vote was taken. Bossory-yes, Flahie-yes, Ochs-yes and Schaible-yes. The motion passed.

For Vice Chairman, Ochs nominated Mike Bossory with support from Schaible. A roll call vote was taken. Flahie-yes, Little-yes, Ochs-yes and Schaible-yes. The motion passed.

For Secretary, Flahie nominated Ochs with support from Little. A roll call vote was taken. Bossory-yes, Flahie-yes, Little-yes and Schaible-yes. The motion passed.

Carol Huehl was asked if she would continue on as Recording Secretary for at least a year. She said yes.

3) Set calendar for Planning Commission Meetings for 2021.

Ochs made a motion with support from Schaible to have them on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30p.m. The motion passed.

Old Business:

1) Stoneco Burmeister Pit renewal application. A letter was received from Austin Fischer. Rodney said the conditional use permit was approved in December 2020. Robert's rules of order state that it could be unapproved at this meeting however he does not recommend it. Stoneco can apply to amend the conditional use permit. Schaible feels it should be left as is for now. Flahie also agrees to leave as is until they get closer to the Church. Bossory agrees to leave as is for now with the opportunity to look at later. Ochs agreed also. Judy Laberdee wants to make sure the Church and its property remains as is. Terri Jobkor wanted to know about the berm and wants to keep the agreement as it was approved in December 2020. Austin Fisher asked how to make an amendment? Rodney answered by an application for conditional use permit noted as an amendment. The Planning Commission could also ask for an amendment after mutual agreement of all parties. By increasing setbacks it narrows their mining area. The berm placement farther from the property line also narrows their mining area. After a year the Planning Commission wants to review the vibration reports. The plans for the berm placement need to be looked at to see where its placement would be best. Larry Lindemann said it was silly to have a berm and then have to move it later. Could they berm at 200' and no mining at 500'? Asked about reclamation closer or farther from property line and said showing comparisons of both would be helpful.

2) Stoneco amendment (renewal) of Pleasant Hills Pit 9.

This was postponed until the next meeting due to the late hour.

3) Alternate energy zoning amendments discussion.

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Reports: Township supervisor Larry Lindemann said he had the gravel pit reports sent to the clerk Valisa. Larry was contacted by the Washtenaw County sheriff to get his information so he could be notified if anything was going on in the township. Larry said the MTA training videos were good to look at.

Audience participation: nothing more.

Vice Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, recording secretary