

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 7, 2023

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Matt Little called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Members present: Matt Little, Susan Ochs and Karen Flahie. Mike Bossory and Dan Schaible were absent. Also in attendance were Planner Rodney Nanney and Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann and Marcus McNamara.

A motion was made by Flahie with support from Little to put New Business before Old Business and adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Flahie with support from Ochs to dispense of reading the minutes and approve as presented. The motion passed.

Reports: Chairman Little would like to start review of the Master Plan in April. He got a phone call from a Consultant for Atwell about commercial solar in Freedom Township. Matt told him not at this time. There were no ZBA meetings. Rodney Nanney said there was no Legislative activity. Supervisor Lindemann got a letter from the Township Attorney that he was merging with two other Attorneys. Larry spoke with Debbie Dingell about pipeline safety and communication between them. March 13 and March 14 will be Board of Review. The road weight restrictions will go into effect tomorrow. A recap of the 2022 meetings was presented by Secretary Ochs.

Audience Participation: none

New Business:

- 1) Gravel Pit Annual Reports. Austin Fisher gave the report for Michigan Materials & Aggregate, Stoneco Burmeister. They removed 742,065 tons of materials. No reclamation took place. There were no new Landscape activities and no mining below the water table.

Austin then gave the report for Michigan Materials & Aggregatc (Pit 9). No mining took place and no reclamation was completed. Reclamation will resume when the site is actively mined. He estimates mining to commence in 3 to 5 years.

Levy. Danielle introduced the employees that were present. She then proceeded with the report. 427,000 tons of materials were removed. An additional 8 acres were disturbed. No reclamation was done but hopefully will start in 3 to 4 years.

Old Business:

- 1) Horning Land Division/Re-zoning. This was postponed to the next meeting.
- 2) Oesterling Conditional Land Use Application. A Public Hearing took place prior to the regular meeting tonight. The landscaping will be completed by the end of 2023 and will take 2 to 3 years before it's fully matured. A decision on this application will take place at the next meeting.
- 3) By-Laws update review. Planner Rodney Nanney had presented the Commission members with the updated by-laws. Little with support from Flahie made a motion to adopt the updated by-laws dated January 28, 2023 and recommend to the Township Board for a final approval. A roll call vote was taken. Ochs-yes, Flahie-yes and Little-yes. The motion passed.

- 4) Review of Lake District Article 3.0 & Ordinance 43-B. Planner Rodney Nanney gave some suggestions. More discussion was had by the Planning Commission members. Rodney will put some things together for the Lake District and present at the next meeting.

Communications: MTA.

Audience Participation: none

Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Recording Secretary