

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
June 1, 2021

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Matt Little called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Members present: Mike Bossory, Karen Flahie, Susan Ochs and Matt Little. Dan Schaible came late. Planner Rodney Nanney and Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Bossory with support from Flahie to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

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

Reports: Rodney said there are bills out on extraction operations and short term rentals. He encouraged us to contact our State Representatives. Supervisor Lindemann said there are different Covid restrictions out now.

Old Business:

- 1) Stoneco Burmeister Pit renewal application. A Public Hearing was done with the Township Board and they approved with some conditions. Rodney was asked to give his report. He said he was comfortable with the Planning Commission approving it. Chip Tokar from Stoneco was present and requested a waiver that hadn't been requested before. The waiver is from sections 12.2 and 12.6B requirements for depiction of the reclamation plan at a standard engineers scale not to exceed one inch = 100 feet with two foot topographic contours. Chip brought 2 packages of mining plans dated June 1, 2021 with dots that represent places for 150 trees. The over burden berm is stock piled during mining and used when reclamation occurs. Stoneco will take care of erosions on other people's property if there is any. Flahie made a motion with support from Ochs to accept the waiver request from Stoneco on sections 12.2 and 12.6B requirements for depiction of the reclamation plan at a standard engineers scale not to exceed one inch = 100 feet with two foot topographic contours and the other waivers as noted in the application. A roll call vote was taken. Bossory-yes, Flahie-yes, Little-yes and Ochs-yes. The motion passed. Flahie made a motion with support from Bossory to approve the extraction permit from Stoneco based on plan dated 4-27-2021 with updated 6-1-2021 mining plan. A roll call vote was taken. Bossory-yes, Flahie-yes, Little-yes and Ochs-yes. The motion passed.
- 2) Stoneco renewal of Pleasant Hills Pit 9. A meeting was held and some things were requested. This discussion is tabled until the August 3 regular meeting.
- 3) Alternate Energy Zoning Amendments. Rodney gave his report. He asked if the Commission was comfortable with what is proposed. A lot of discussion followed.

Freedom Township would get some tax money out of it. More tax money goes to the schools. There would be a limit to how much of an area would be allowed for this. Little made a motion with support from Flahie to have a Public Hearing for the Solar Energy Commercial Ordinance No 43. A roll call vote was taken. Bossory-yes, Schaible-yes, Flahie-yes, Little-yes and Ochs-yes. The motion passed. A public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. before the August regular meeting.

Communications: MTA, Legislative updates.

Audience participation: None

Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Recording Secretary