

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Minutes  
February 6, 2018

APPROVED

**Call TO ORDER:**

Chairman Lindemann called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present: Little, Flahie, Lindemann, Ochs and Schaible

Also in attendance: Planner Rodney Nanny, Project Manager Marcus McNamara

A motion was made by Flahie and supported by Schaible to open the floor.

**New Business:**

Overview by Planner:

- Home occupations restrictions have a very narrow window with limited circumstances. The active of the home occupation won't change the characters of the home. There is no difference between employees or volunteers.

Comments by Larry Lindemann:

- If a home occupation needs off site employees or volunteers the business should be looking at other locations to grow the business.
- The township will not come and id the volunteers.

Comments by Karen Flahie:

- Is looking at this as a whole for the township not a particular home occupation.
- The township will not police the volunteers we don't have the resources for that.

Comments by Dan Schaible:

- Most 19 year olds are either in the workplace or in college.

Comments by Susan Ochs:

- Question - If the planning commission does nothing then there can't be any volunteers, Nanny confirmed.

Floor Comments:

Jean Spencer asked if this is age discrimination.

Melanie Nau does not understand the age limit there are special needs people that could be over the age of 19 that could use the interaction. Melanie asked about seniors/retirees.

Phil Rider supports the volunteering but not the age limit.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE BOARD:**

Home Occupation Ordinance. To allow 2 volunteers under the age of 19 at home occupations that don't reside at the home.

Change the Lake District (LK) zoning table this item is a typo, it is currently zoned as business. Purposing to change the Lake District (LK) to a residential district.

Adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Jennifer Alexa  
Recording Secretary

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