

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020

APPROVED

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Freedom Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Lindemann at 7:42pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Little, Flahie, Lindemann and Ochs
Absence: Schaible
Also, in Attendance: Planner Rodney Nanney, Supervisor Weidmeyer and residents.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Flahie supported by Little to approve the agenda as corrected. **MOTION passed.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **MOTION** made by Little supported by Flahie to dispense with the reading of the approval of the regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2019 as corrected. **MOTION passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS: Consumer energy will take a few township officials through a tour on Friday of the new pumping station.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Stoneco Pleasant Hills pit amendment (renewal) tabled until further information.

Stoneco Burmeister pit (renewal) application tabled.

Alternate Energy tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation by Invenergy on commercial solar by Rick Wilson of Invenergy.

Boundary adjustment Steve and Hattie Carson - need legal description. Tabled until updated information is provided.

Boundary adjustment Michael Kowalski – corner of Bethel Church and Steinbach. There are buildings on Bruce and Shirley Haeussler's property. Tabled.

Election of officers for the 2020 Planning Commission:

Nomination for Chairperson made by Flahie supported by Little for Larry Lindemann to remain Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Little, Flahie and Ochs

Nays: None

Absent: Schaible

Abstain: Lindemann

Motion passed unanimously

Nomination for Vice Chair made by Lindemann supported by Ochs for Matt Little to remain Vice Chair.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Flahie, Lindemann and Ochs

Nays: None

Absent: Schaible

Abstain: Little

Motion passed

Nomination for Secretary by Flahie supported by Little for Susan Ochs to be Secretary.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Little, Flahie and Lindemann

Nays: None

Absent: Schaible

Abstain: Ochs

Motion passed

Discussion on zoning amendments from Public Hearing – MOTION by Flahie to make a recommendation to the Township Board to approve zoning ordinance updates dated November 25, 2019 seconded by Ochs.

Roll Call Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Flahie, Little, Lindemann and Ochs

Nays: None

Absent: Schaible

Motion passed unanimously

Short term rental discussion - Limited short-term rental, the owner is present. Licensed short term is when they rent the house for a short time period. Planner recommends adding to R2. Planner is going to look at the definitions to the zoning ordinance and see if they can be strengthened.

Public hearing for zoning amendments at the February 4, 2020 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30pm.

REPORTS: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATON: None

PROPOSED BUSINESS ON NEXT AGENDA: Gravel pit reports, Stoneco Burmeister renewal, zoning amendments. Public hearing zoning amendments.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 PM.

Jennifer Alexa

Recording Secretary