

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2019

APPROVED

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Freedom Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Lindemann at 7:33pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Flahie supported by Ochs to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION passed.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **MOTION** made by Ochs supported by Schaible to dispense with the reading of the approval of the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2019. **MOTION passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS: Consumer energy update phase 2 most of the work is still taking place in the buildings. Earth work has started in front of the building. December work shifts include limited evening shifts. MTA Focus magazine headline bill 431 local control being taken away for gravel mining.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Resident spoke about having commercial business in the Lake District. Discussion about short term rentals.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stoneco Pleasant Hills pit amendment (renewal) tabled until further information. Chairman Lindemann will contact the gravel pit.

Stoneco Burmeister pit (renewal) application tabled. Chairman Lindemann will contact the gravel pit.

Alternate Energy discussion at the January 7th, 2020 planning commission meeting a presentation on solar energy. A Freedom Township property has been leased for solar panels. Planner Nanney would recommend making some changes to the zoning ordinance to wind turbines, attached units and setbacks. The Township would have to decide where to allow commercial alternate energy, how many acres would be allowed, screening limits, protecting rural scenery, protecting agriculture, pollination requirements and nonrenewable energy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning commission calendar set for 2020 **MOTION** by Schaible, planning commission meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 7:30PM supported by Ochs. All ayes. **MOTION passed unanimously.**

REPORTS: Planner is attending a hearing on bill House bill 5119.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATON: None

PROPOSED BUSINESS ON NEXT AGENDA: Election of officers, zoning amendments and presentation on solar.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Jennifer Alexa
Recording Secretary