

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 4, 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 7:50pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Flahie, Lindemann, Schaible, Ochs and Little
Absence: None
Also, in Attendance: Planner Rodney Nanney, Project Manager Marcus McNamara and residents

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Schaible supported by Flahie to approve the agenda. **MOTION passed.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **MOTION** made by Flahie supported by Ochs to dispense with the reading of the approval of the public hearing meeting minutes of January 7, 2020. **MOTION passed.**

A **MOTION** made by Lindemann supported by Ochs to dispense with the reading of the approval of the regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2020. **MOTION passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS: CMS construction update landscaping has started; furniture is being delivered; compressors will be tested soon with notice. A few township officials visited the new constructed pumping station Chairperson Lindemann was impressed on the amount of work that is completed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Stoneco Pleasant Hills pit amendment (renewal) - tabled

Stoneco Burmeister pit (renewal) - tabled

Steve and Hattie Carson boundary adjustment – MOTION by Flahie seconded by Schaible to approve land division to split off a 20.0-foot by 74.0 foot area from parcel N-14-21-110-004 for the purpose of transferring this land area to an enlarged parcel N-14-21-135-001 with survey dated January 30, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Flahie, Little, Lindemann, Schaible and Ochs

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously

Michael Kowalski boundary adjustment – MOTION by Flahie seconded by Schaible to approve the boundary adjustment between the 159.5-acre parcel N-14-25-300-001 and the legal nonconforming 0.5-acre parcel N-14-25-300-002 to enlarge parcel -002 to 0.6 -acres with survey dated November 21, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Flahie, Little, Lindemann, Schaible and Ochs

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Lindemann seconded by Flahie to recommend the amendment to the zoning ordinance dated January 10, 2020 to the Freedom Township Board. Amendments to Articles 4.0 (Land Use Table), 5.0 (Use Standards), and 19.0 (definitions) of the Freedom Township Zoning ordinance N0.43 for the purpose of updating allowable land use provisions that apply to short-term transient rentals in the township.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Little, Flahie Schaible, Ochs and Lindemann

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed

Gravel Pit Annual Reports

American Aggregates/Levy - no shipping of material this year, probably next year, Dale Sawyer will provide a new aerial photo. There is a light at the front of the property that they will turn down so it's not so bright to oncoming traffic. Question are you testing for PFAS? Dale Sawyer announced his retirement this year.

Stoneco/Burmeister – 95 acres of mining. Future mining to the south. Project Manager Marcus McNamara commented that the report was consistent to the inspection.

Stoneco/Pleasant Hills – nothing was removed in 2019. Question - when would there be activity, in 2 to 4 years. Question are you testing for PFAS?

Stoneco/Esch Road - nothing to report.

Set date for gravel pit tours, April 25, 2020, starting at Stoneco/Burmeister at 8:30 am then next to American Aggregates/Levy.

Alternate energy zoning amendments discussion.

REPORTS: Lindemann and Little are attending a pipeline safety meeting. Safety members Little and Flahie are going to attend an annual review of safety items at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office. Nixle is going to enhance the system within the next 6 months to a year.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATON: Pleasant Lake School someone is looking at purchasing this property. It was recommended that she submit a proposal to the Planning Commission.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Jennifer Alexa

Recording Secretary