

# FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 5, 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 7:30pm.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Little, Flahie, Lindemann, Ochs and Schaible  
Absence: None  
Also, in Attendance: Planner Rodney Nanney, Project Manager John Tanner, Dennis Herrst, Jim Clark, Stoneco representatives and township residents.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A **MOTION** was made by Little supported by Schaible to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION passed.**

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A **MOTION** made by Flahie supported by Ochs to dispense with the reading of the approval of the regular meeting minutes of January 3, 2019 meeting with additions and corrections.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Michigan Township Focus magazine. Carson property sold a piece of property without Planning Commission approval. Tax distributions from the new ET Rover pipeline to Freedom Township was \$3,400.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** Resident ask about the noise on Martin Luther King Day, from the Consumer Energy location it was a valve that broke. Residents would like a way to be notified of such issues. Planning Commissioner Little urged people to sign up for the Nixle alerts, you can sign up to get local alerts for emergencies.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Stoneco amendment** – Stoneco amendment (renewal) Pleasant Hills Pit 9 tabled until further information.

**Ordinance 32** – the board continued to review the updates of the ordinance.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Pleasant Lake School**

Dennis Herrst is considering purchasing, the building and 4 acres, for construction storage. Mr. Herrst would like a heated building for his business, with outside storage that would have materials like top soil and stones the material would be stored in the back of the building. He would like to fence that area to hide and protect the outside storage items. Pleasant Lake School is two separate parcels. The Planning Commission could pursue to amend the zoning ordinance or add it through the conditional use permit in a C1 district. Planning Commission has asked Mr. Herrst to write up his intentions for the property. The planner will draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance for the next Planning Commission meeting.

### **7855 Ernst Road**

Storage building owned by Jim Clark, needs a site plan application for Aquaponics raising fish and vegetables all year round indoors, no pesticides or herbicides are used and no water discharge. They will sell to local restaurants. Suggestion from planner Nanney that Mr. Clark puts a site plan together with everything that they intend to do.

### **Gravel Pit Annual Reports**

American Aggregates/Levy is under a consent judgement, Chair Lindemann has a copy of the bond.

The planning commission ask questions to Stoneco representatives, regarding the below gravel pits:

Stoneco/Burmeister, regarding the 88 acres and an area to the south that they are stock piling material. Question regarding setbacks to the South of the property lines. Question, of how many more years they will work the pit, possibly two years. When the plans were originally made Stoneco/Burmeister was looking at many more years, but production has increased. Chair Linndeman stated that when water sampling is done that Stoneco/Burmeister let the township know so OHM can pull the split samples.

Stoneco/Pleasant Hills, there is no mining. There is a stock pile at this pit, but nothing has been removed in the last year. Amendment about the two lakes to combine, nothing to report. Barton Malow construction set up additional operations in the gravel pit, the township would have liked to have known.

Stoneco/Esch Road, nothing to report.

Set date for gravel pit tours, April 13, 2019, starting at Stoneco/Burmeister at 8:30am.

**REPORTS:** MTA article all 2018 would have to be introduced again. Short term rental did not pass.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATON:** None

**PROPOSED BUSINESS ON NEXT AGENDA:** Conditional use permits review, Ordinance 32 continued review.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM

Jennifer Alexa  
Recording Secretary