

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 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 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Little, Flahie, Lindemann, Ochs and Schaible.
Absence: None
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 with an addition of a land division for Mark Johnson under New Business. **MOTION passed.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **MOTION** made by Little supported by Ochs to dispense with the reading of the approval of the regular meeting minutes of July 2, 2019 meeting with correction from “a resident to landowner. **MOTION passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS: MTA focus magazine there is a work session being offered on October 16, 2019 in Chelsea Michigan, which Chairman Lindemann would like to attend.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Stoneco amendment

Stoneco amendment (renewal) Pleasant Hills Pit 9 application tabled.

Stoneco Burmeister

Pit renewal application tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Touch Down Ranch L.L.C. boundary adjustment – operating agreement with the State of Michigan, was given to the Planning Commission, which will be added to the file. The Township owns Boettner road from Saline Waterworks to southern township boundary which is 4.7 acres with no road right of way. The properties on these parcels’ driveways cross through the township property, the township has declared it as road right of way.

Motion by Little and seconded by Flahie to accept the approval of a boundary adjustment to transfer 2.0 acres of land from the southwest corner of the 26.24 acre-parcel N#14-36-400-020 (8737 Saline-Waterworks Road) to add to the northeast corner of the 55.17 acre-parcel #N-14-36-400-016 abutting the Boettner Road right-of-way. Survey job number 2019-0598.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schaible, Ochs, Flahie, Lindemann and Little

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion passed unanimously

Mark and Risa Johnson Land Division – MOTION by Lindemann seconded by Schaible to table until the certification of trust, electric utility easement details and the investigation of the parent parcel where these 40 acres were generated from. All ayes **MOTION passed unanimously.**

Tom Batlett Art Studio discussion –

Questions:

No minimum requirements for accessory building (workshop/studio).

This is not a dwelling.

Special use permit would be required.

Accessory building would be made from 8 x 40 shipping container.

Will there be one entrance?

Seasonal operation only.

Parking – 20 feet, enough for 2 cars.

Future use is a concern, when the building is there it could only be used as a studio.

Currently the Lake District does not allow for retail space.

Lot 30 x 100 in Bonnie Brae subdivision.

What is on each side of the property? Larger lots on each side.

Lake District discussion – land use table for the Lake District.

Categories considering to be removed:

Nursery, Public Commercial Equestrian Riding Stable, Private Equestrian Riding Arena or Stable, Child Day Care Home, Group, Fire, Police, and Ambulance Stations.

Categories considering to be removed from Lake District and R6:

Bed and Breakfast Inn

Categories considering changing to principal to conditional use:

Bed and Breakfast Inn

The township could put stipulations on conditional use permits for Bed and Breakfasts that it be inspected yearly.

Township planner will bring the State regulations for Bed and Breakfasts, to the next Planning Commission meeting.

REPORTS: Short term rentals have been discussed. HB 4046 short term rentals, townships are sending in resolutions to defeat the bill.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATON: A question was asked if the Pleasant Lake Inn vacant property could change the zoning from Commercial to Residential, the answer was yes but would take several months to approve the change.

PROPOSED BUSINESS ON NEXT AGENDA: Stoneco renewal applications. Alternate energy, Zoning map and discussion on the Lake District.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Jennifer Alexa
Recording Secretary