

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Virtual -Zoom Meeting

March 2, 2021

These Minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

Members present: Dan Schaible (Freedom Township), Mike Bossory (Freedom Township), Susan Ochs (Freedom Township), Karen Flahie (Freedom Township) and Matt Little (Freedom Township).

Flahie made a motion with support from Bossory to put New Business in front of Old Business. The motion passed.

Schaible made a motion with support from Ochs to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Reports: Chairman Little was approached about a roadside stand. Schaible wondered if everyone knew about Dale Weidmayer, his funeral was today. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Rodney Nanney said there were new standards set by the Governor in regards to Covid. Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann said he had another busy month. Reminded members of a Southwest Council of Government meeting tomorrow night if anyone was interested. He said the flag at the Township hall was flown at half mast in honor of Dale.

Audience participation: Rick Wilson asked if we were planning to get to the discussion on alternate energy? Little responded yes as long as there was time.

New Business:

- 1) Little Trust land division. Rodney found everything was in order and ready for the Planning Commissions action. Flahie made a motion with support from Schaible to approve the division of the 57.225 acre parcel #N14-28-200-009 into a 7.257 acre parcel and a 49.998 acre remainder parcel as depicted on the Arbor Land Consultants survey (job #06419) with a revision date of February 15, 2021. Little abstained from participating as he has a conflict of interest and is the Trustee responsible for the application. Vice-chairman Bossory presided over this item. A roll call vote was taken. Bossory-yes, Flahie-yes, Schaible-yes, Little-abstain and Ochs-yes. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- 1) Stoneco Burmeister pit renewal application. Sue Hanf wanted to turn this over to Austin or Garrett, however, neither one was present. Berms are placed according to the conditional use permit. Scott Diuble met with Austin at the Church about vibrations. Sue was asked about what was happening with the over burden pile along Bethel Church Road. Ochs wants everyone to look at section 13 very carefully. She also wondered if the reclamation plan was sufficient. The action on this application is postponed until the next meeting.
- 2) Renewal of the Stoneco Pleasant Hills Pit 9 is postponed to the next meeting.
- 3) Alternate Energy Zoning Amendments discussion. Rodney Nanney went over his report. He said there was a big change on page 4. Schaible said trees should not be planted where there is underground drainage. In areas where there are ditches there should be some setbacks because ditches need maintenance. Little asked Rick what goes under solar panels. Rick said they work out a vegetation plan based on the location. Its usually a grass groundcover. If there is tile, they look for plants that don't have deep roots. Little asked if there was an escrow set up for this? Rodney answered yes. He wondered who will pay for Rodney and Marcus extra work on this. If adopted there will be a fee schedule adopted for this. Little said they would look at this next month and hopefully get it ready for a Public Hearing in May.

Little forwarded Levy-American Aggregates annual report to everyone and will include this in next months meeting. Marcus sent a letter to Little in regard to Pfas testing. This will be looked at next month.

Communications: MTA newsletter, no new Legislative updates as they are still reorganizing.

Audience Participation: none

Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 9:07p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, recording secretary