

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Members Present: Karen Flahie, Matt Little, Larry Lindemann, Susan Ochs and Dan Schaible
Also in attendance: Planner Rodney Nanny, Supervisor Dale Weidmayer

A motion was made by Little and supported by Flahie to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Little with support by Ochs, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the January 2nd, 2018 meeting. The motion passed.

Communications: None

Audience Participation: None

Old Business:

- Bossory site plan and land division. Tabled until additional information is provided.
- Temporary camping on vacant parcels.

Rodney gave his report containing revisions on page 3, Sec 6 dealing with setbacks. Schaible asked if a storage building on skids would be subject to the setbacks. Rodney answered yes. There was discussion on gaining a permit and enforcement. Ochs said that it's unfortunate that because of one instance /complaint that we now we 6 pages of rules that people would now have to try to follow. Schaible asked about RVs placed between the house and the water in the Lake District. It is the preferred place for storage of them behind the residence in most of the township but may not be appropriate at the lake with all the recent fence issues. Flahie moved to recommend to the Board to approve the camping on vacant parcel draft ordinance dated December 26, 2017, with the additional language to prohibit RV use and storage between the high water mark of the lake and the back line of the house. Little supported the motion. Roll call vote: Little; Flahie; Lindemann; and Schaible-yea, Ochs-no. Motion passed.

- Accessory Dwellings Sec 5.201 review.

Rodney gave a report dated December 26, 2017. Discussion followed centered on if this proposal is something that we should even consider for the township. Also discussed were Mother – in-law apartments and tiny houses. Little asked that if we change the Ordinance to allow a second residence on a lot could then it be rented out at a later date like on an Air B and B web site. Rodney answered yes. The consensus on the planning commission was not to change the ordinance. Jerry Sisco asked about a garage on Hieber road that has a bath and laundry. Lindemann answered that we would have to check with Jim Coval on what the zoning application asked for.

New Business-

- Election of Officers

Ochs moved to nominate Lindemann as Chairman with support by Flahie, motion passed. Lindemann moved to nominate Little for Vice chairman with support by Flahie, motion passed. Discussion on the Secretary position as Schaible declined the nomination. No one else would take the position so Rodney offered someone as a possibility if the meetings were recorded. Supervisor Weidmayer said we could look for someone to do it. Lindemann moved to nominate Schaible for secretary with the promise that a recording secretary be found by the February meeting with the recommendation to the Board to be paid as the rest of the Commission. Supported by Flahie, motion passed.

- Home occupation update Sec.5.204 A3

Rodney gave his report dated Dec 26th 2017. Discussion followed on Sec.1A, No.3- two volunteers allowed if less than 19 years of age .There was a question what if the volunteers need supervision, parental or otherwise, it wouldn't count towards the two volunteers. Little asked if community service people could come in to work .Answer was it would be very hard to police. There was a motion by Ochs to hold a public hearing on the revisions to Sec.5.204 -Home Occupations on Feb.6th 2018 at 7:00pm with the regular meeting immediately following. Supported by Lindemann. Motion passed

Other reports/ discussion

Recap of the Planning Commission for 2017 provided

Rodney reported that the Michigan legislature passed and the Governor signed a bill that voided any deed restriction on old school buildings. It would affect the Pleasant Lake school.

Last month the Township Board decided to opt out of the medical marijuana regulation.

The Kuebler gravel pit is being reviewed to see if the conditional use permit is being followed.

Little asked if county gravel pit on Bethel Church Rd. will be reclaimed.

Flahie asked about Panhandle pipelines new lights being obnoxious, Schaible will ask the Right -of -Way man who to talk to.

Audience participation: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Dan Schaible, Secretary