

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2017

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: Matt Little, Karen Flahie, Larry Lindemann, Susan Ochs and Dan Schaible  
Also in attendance: Planner Rodney Nanny.

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

A motion was made by Ochs with support by Flahie to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the March 7th meeting. The motion passed.

Audience participation:

- None

Communications:

- Flahie reported that Monica Day from MSU extension offered to meet with us.

Old Business:

- Consumers Site Plan: Tabled- no new information.
- Private Road Ordinance: Tabled- nothing back from the Township Board / Attorney.

New Business

- Davis Land Division: The application to divide a parcel of land in sec. 11 of Freedom Township into two parcels, one 20.52 acres and one 12.23 acres, is now complete. The new survey shows the needed 50 foot setback from the barn to the new property line. The application has been reviewed by zoning inspector Jim Coval and planner Rodney Nanny and is in compliance with the Townships ordinance. There was a motion by Schaible to approve the land division based on the survey revised April 12, 2017, second by Ochs. Roll call vote: all yes. Motion carried.
- Mark Skowronski/J. Michelle Kahlenburg minor site plan ( 9221 Waters Rd.) Farm management housing .The application was discussed. Rodney gave his report that this would be allowed under the zoning ordinance. Neighbors Marge Mills and Mark Boone spoke to the commission in favor of the request. The only question was that both residences would have the same address and that could cause first responders some confusion, and this needs to be addressed. There was a motion by Lindemann to approve the minor site plan for farm management housing based on Rodney's April 27, 2017 report with no additional conditions. Support by Ochs, roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.
- Temporary camping /recreational vehicles  
The township board directed the planning commission to look at and revise the ordinance regulating temporary camping and recreational vehicle use on vacant parcels in the township. The Commission had received a report dated April 28 2017 from the planners giving an overview of the existing ordinance and some new options. After much discussion about camping, recreational vehicles/trailers, setbacks, generators, portable toilets, property rights

and effects on neighboring parcels the issue was tabled and Rodney will have a suggested ordinance for the June meeting based on tonight's discussion.

Reports

- Discussion on the gravel pit tour
- Discussion on the Township emergency plan
- Discussion on a House bill that if passed would regulate rental units (houses)
- Discussion on what other townships are doing with marijuana permits

Audience participation: None.

Respectfully Dan Schaible, Secretary