

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2017

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 8:40 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 Flahie and supported by Ochs to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Flahie, with support by Ochs, to dispense with the reading of and approve the corrected minutes of the September 5th meeting. The correction was the start time of 8:30. The motion passed.

Communications:

- Township Focus has an article on Michigan's housing crisis.

Audience Participation:

- Jerry Sisco asked where we are with his situation. He was told that time permitting it was on our agenda

Old Business:

- Consumers Site Plan Review Amendment

Consumers Energy representatives presented a amendment to the site plan to allow a temporary sound absorbing wall along the south east side of the site, 350 feet long and 24 feet high.

Due to space issues they can't avoid disturbing the existing tree line acting as a buffer.

There was a motion by Flahie with support by Ochs, to approve the application from Consumers Energy for an amendment to the Phase 1 final site plan approval to add 350 linear feet of 24 foot high temporary walls for noise abatement around the Phase 1 compressor installation near the southeast corner of the existing Freedom Compressor Station facility subject to the following conditions;

(1) The removed trees shall be replaced with perimeter tree plantings extended across the entire length of the southeast corner of this parcel, consistent with the pattern, species and size shown in the approved Phase 2 final site plan.

(2) The temporary walls will be removed at the time of landscaping of the Phase 2 final site plan.

- Temporary camping on vacant parcels

Draft changes proposed by the planner Rodney Nanny, referring to the draft dated September 26th 2017:

Page 2 item 8 -total change

Page 3 item 6 -accessory structures added and size of allowed storage.

Page 3 item 8 toilet facilities requirements.

Page 3 item 8c -shielding of the use of the toilet not the port-a-john itself.

Page 3 item 9 -added camping permit required in zoning AR around the lake.

Page 4 item C 3 -striking some wording

Page 4 item D -clarified violations /penalties/responsibilities.

Page 4 Sec 11.03 3a -clarified where to store an RV. Then there was added discussion on the parking of RVs.

Page 5 item 3a -table of circumstances.

Page 5 item 3b -RV parking setbacks.

Page 5 item 3d -living or sleeping in parked RVs governed by 6.21 camping ordinance.

Other issues brought up at the public hearing: No. 4 -limiting tents, not at this time. Also No. 8 -Winter time camping, no change.

Temporary Camping on vacant parcels was tabled by chairman Lindemann for the rewrite.

- Happy Hearts Feline Rescue

Short discussion on the public hearing , Larry asked the Spencers a question on the time table of the operation ,timing of the state permit ,when they opened. As it was after 10;00 pm the item was tabled.

Audience participation: Jerry Sisco asked when we would discuss the accessory dwelling issue, next month.

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

Respectfully Dan Schaible, Secretary