

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
February 4, 2014

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members present: Dan Schaible, Matt Little, Larry Lindemann, Susan Ochs and Carol Huehl. Planners Bill DeGroot and Rodney Nanney and OHM Marcus McNamara were also present.

It was suggested to put new business in front of the old business. Little made a motion with support of Schaible to accept the agenda as presented with the change that was suggested. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ochs with support of Lindemann to dispense of the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. Motion passed.

Communications: MTF

Matt Little spoke about the broadband meeting that he had attended. He said it was a good meeting. The survey response is low for Freedom Township because we got a late start on it. 7 Counties have broadband. All providers of internet service are coming to the meetings. Everyone is saying we need better options. The Pleasant Lake area is not large enough for Comcast. Hopefully there will be some answers for us real soon.

Audience Participation: John Kerrigan introduced himself as representing Dr. Wellman and was here to answer any questions we might have.

New Business:

1) Boundary Adjustment for William and Barbara Wellman. The letter from Jim Coval was read by Lindemann. In Jim's letter he spoke of the shed that sits just 30" off the property line and felt this was not a problem as it was not being used for livestock. Mr. Scheffler owns 55.18 acres and wants to purchase parcel 2. Both Planners saw no problems with this. A motion was made by Schaible with support from Little to approve the boundary adjustment as presented on parcel 2. Bill will give us language on future land development so that field tiles will be located. A roll call vote was taken. Schaible-yes, Little-yes, Lindemann-yes, Ochs-yes and Huehl-yes The motion passed.

Parcel Combination for Wellman. The combination would require a Conditional Use Amendment. We need to talk to Dr. Wellman to inform him that the current conditional Use Permit for the Veterinary Clinic would need an amendment. It will have to be noted on the map that no more divisions allowed on the 15.10 acres. Lindemann made a motion with support from Little to accept the combination of the two parcels as presented and to add parcel 1 #N1436400015 to parcel 2 #N1436400008 as shown on survey dated 11-8-2013. A roll call vote was taken. Schaible-yes, Lindemann-yes, Little-yes, Ochs-yes and Huehl-yes. Motion passed. Larry will talk to Dr. Wellman and draft a letter to have Bill look at first.

2) Gravel Pit Reports. Stoneco-Esch Road Facility was first. There is no time table as to when they will be starting to mine. Haul Route is biggest expense and the current hold-up. With the purchase of the Waterland Trucking site this site is on hold.

Burmeister Pit was next with a report given by Sue Hanf. They are currently mining in a North to Northwest direction. A small amount of reclamation will be done in 2014. They received no complaints. They do have a copy of an area map and will get it for us. (One with scales included.) Sue will send an electronic copy to Larry and he will forward to the Planning Commission members. Ochs asked for amount of reclamation activities.

American Aggregate (Levy) report was presented by Dale Sawyer. Business is coming back but until a deal is made or the economy picks up they won't be moving material out. They will build up the berm and get it seeded; probably next year. They will also take care of the scrub growing on the sign and around the scale house.

Barrett Paving was the last report and it was presented by Jim Sauder. The total tonnage removed was 550,799 tons. They have restored 2.5 acres. No additional acres were disturbed. They had no direct complaints only what was noted from the public in the Planning Commission meetings. Marcus asked about the split water testing. He feels we have enough data to show ASTI records are accurate.

2) The Gravel Pit tour date for this year was talked about but no decision was made. We are debating whether to have it in the Spring or in the Fall. We will decide at a future meeting.

Reports: It was noted that the Township needs to get registered to be in the Community Resource Center. We will also be having a training session for the new Zoning Ordinance.

Lindemann closed the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl