

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

May 4, 2023

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Members present: Dan Schaible, Mike Bossory, Matt Little and Susan Ochs. Absent-Karen Flahie Rodney Nanney, Planner and Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann were also present.

Bossory made a motion with support from Schaible to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Schaible with support from Bossory to dispense of reading the minutes and approve as presented. The motion passed.

Reports: Matt and Rodney have been having conversations with The Barn Sanctuary people. They have pulled their application at this time. ZBA did not meet. Rodney said the sand and gravel bills have been reintroduced. He encouraged us to contact our Representatives. Supervisor Lindemann said the Washtenaw County Road contracts were gone over. The CRC will have a pop-up pantry at the Township Hall parking lot soon.

Audience Participation: None

New Business:

- 1) Schaible Boundary Adjustment. Dan Schaible excused himself and went outside. Planner Nanney went over his report. He stated the application is complete and ready for Planning Commission consideration and action. Bossory made a motion with support from Ochs to approve the division of the 90.72 acre parcel N-14-20-200-001 into a proposed 7.090 acre "Parcel B" and an 85.428 acre remainder "Parcel A" as depicted on the Arbor Land Consultants survey (Job #01623) dated April 11, 2023. The motion passed. Dan Schaible was brought back into the meeting.

Old Business:

- 1) Consumers Energy Site Plan Application-City Gate. Planner Nanney went over his report. He stated storm water management needed to be put on the site plan as well as showing where light poles and type of fixtures used were. A corrected site plan dated April 24, 2023 was presented. A motion was made by Bossory with support from Schaible to approve the final site plan dated April 24, 2023 for Consumers Energy Pleasant Lake City Gate reconstruction, Parcel#N-14-21-200-005 subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) All light fixtures shall be permanently set to be aimed straight downward upon installation.
 - 2) All pole lighting fixtures shall not exceed 20 feet in height as measured from grade level to the top of the fixture. Additional shielding will be added and then mounted straight down.
 - 3) Township Engineer acceptance of the storm water management details on the final site plan dated April 24, 2023 prior to issuance of a building permit.

A roll call vote was taken. Bossory-yes, Schaible-yes, Little-yes and Ochs-yes. The motion passed.

- 2) Review of Lake District Article 3.0 & Ordinance 43-B. Bossory stated this had been on the agenda for along time and needed to be acted on. Bossory made a motion that at the next meeting it be voted on and move forward. There was no support. It was moved to the agenda for the June meeting.

- 3) Stoneco Conditional Use Application for mining expansion at the Burmeister site. The changes in conditions need to be had by the Commission before the Public Hearing can be set. Bossory made a motion with support from Little to cancel the June Public Hearing because the requested updated information was not received. The motion passed. Jessica Roberts said Bethel Church was a Historic Site and there are concerns about possible damage to the Church and would there be money to cover it. The answer given was the mining would not be any closer and that vibration studies were being done regularly.
- 4) Master Plan review. Planner Nanney stated the current plan is completely acceptable. Most of the PC members had not looked over it and wanted to have the time to do it. The review will continue at another meeting.

Communications: MTA.

Audience Participation: Robert Huehl is a neighbor to the Barn Sanctuary on Ellsworth Road. He wondered if there was anything that could be put in the Master Plan to preserve farmland. He said people move out here for the quiet and open space and would like to see that preserved. He wondered just how much the Master Plan could dictate. It was stated the main thing was to have good ordinances in place.

Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Recording Secretary