

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

October 3, 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 7:31 p.m.

Members present: Matt Little, Dan Schaible, Susan Ochs, Mike Bossory and Karen Flahie. Also present was Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann and Planner Rodney Nanney.

A motion was made by Little with support from Flahie to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

The following correction was made to the regular September minutes; Little reported that he had heard from the Barn Sanctuary about an address change. A motion was made by Schaible with support from Bossory to Approve the minutes with this correction. The motion passed.

The following corrections were made to the September Public Hearing minutes. Little had received emails from Kathleen Maddock who stated the proposed updates were an extreme reaction for all that only effects a few; Norm and Lori Maxwell feel the new proposed changes are unnecessary and Doris Taddonio who is opposed to the changes. Carol Westfall was present and stated she had emailed her comments to Rodney so she wouldn't repeat them. She said she had been involved in many discussions and didn't see these proposed changes as restrictive to lake development or our properties; rather, just a tweaking of what we have and process improvements for better managing future Lakefront building projects. Christine and Matthew Mikesell also sent a letter which is attached to the minutes of the September Public Hearing. A motion was made by Little with support from Flahie to approve the minutes with these corrections. The motion passed.

Reports: Little reported he had met with Tom Pickett. The Barn Sanctuary has requested a new address. The ZBA did not meet. Rodney reported the efforts in Lansing to take over commercial solar. Township Supervisor Lindemann said they had gotten agreements for two culvert repairs. The fence violation on Happy Hollow Road has been taken care of. Valisa has signed up for early voting. The fall newsletter is being worked on. Everbridge has put out information about what sirens mean. Tom Pickett came and got two annual reports for Burmeister Pit and maps for C&T Transport. He has received some complaints about New Leaf on Saline-Waterworks Road.

Audience Participation: Lon Nordeen said it is great to have internet.

New Business: Nothing

Old Business:

- 1) Stoneco Conditional Use Application for mining expansion at Burmeister site. James Campbell said a 4-wheeler was seen going into the active pit and wanted to warn people this is not safe and should not be done. A meeting with the Church took place that day and another one is scheduled. Rodney suggested the Planning Commission get a copy of the agreement that will be made between Stoneco and Bethel Church. This application is now moved to the next meeting.
- 2) Review of Lake District Article 3.0 & Ordinance 43-B. Rodney stated he had addressed the issues the Planning Commission asked for. Lindemann feels it is necessary to establish a high water mark and a better checklist is needed. Bossory feels a high water mark is necessary. A lot of discussion was had.

Bossory made a motion with support from Schaible to close the current review of Lake District Article 3.0 & Ordinance 43-B and not modify the current ordinance until future circumstances deem necessary. A roll call vote was taken. Little-no, Bossory-yes, Flahie-no, Schaible-yes and Ochs-yes. The motion passed. A motion was made by Bossory with support from Little to recommend to the Township Board to establish a high water mark for Pleasant Lake. A roll call vote was taken. Little-yes, Bossory-yes, Flahie-yes, Ochs-yes and Schaible-yes. The motion passed.

3) Master Plan Review. Moved to next months meeting.

Communications: MTA, Supervisor Lindemann feels it is important to do online seminars for furthering education and keeping updated.

Audience Participation: Nothing

A motion was made by Bossory with support from Little to move the November meeting from Tuesday, November 7 to Thursday, November 9. The motion passed.

Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Recording Secretary