

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018

APPROVED

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Flahie, Lindemann, Ochs Schaible, and Little
Also in attendance: Planner Rodney Nanny and Project Manager Marcus McNamara.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Schaible and supported by Ochs to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Flahie with support by Ochs, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the January 2nd, 2018 meeting. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MTA has a work shop on The ABC's of the ZBA and MTF

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Melanie Nau had a hard time finding the new Township website, Chairperson Lindemann is asking to have it redirected from the old website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bossory site plan and land division. Chairman Lindemann will touch base with Mr. Bossory. Tabled until additional information is provided.
- Home Occupation zoning ordinance. Chairman Lindemann likes the policy that the home occupation should be encouraged to move when the home occupation grows past the 2 youth volunteers. Flahie is looking at the whole township, not a particular home occupation. If there are too many changes the township is opening up to many probabilities. The primary issue is the land use. If nothing is done or a recommendation is not made no volunteers can be used.

MOTION BY LITTLE SUPPORTED BY FLAHIE:

RECOMMEND FOR FINAL DECISION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD:

Motion to make a change as written by Planner Rodney on Home occupation update Sec.5.204 A3 to send it to the township board for final approval:

No persons other than members of the family residing on the premises, and up to two persons who do not reside on the premises and are under the 19 years of age, shall be engaged in the home occupation. It is the policy of the Township to encourage the owner(s) of a successful

home occupation, including one that has grown to the point of engaging the help of adult persons who do not reside on the premises, to relocate their operation to the Township's Business Districts.

Roll call vote:

YES: 5 - Little, Schaible, Lindemann, Ochs, Flahie NO: 0

MOTION: CARRIED

RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD:

To change the land use table, for the purposes of correcting a typo in the table of zoning districts to correct the "type of District" reference for the Lake (LK) District from "Business" to "Residential".

NEW BUSINESS- Gravel Pits Annual Reports

- Burmeister gravel pit - Marcus McNamara project manager reported lots of reclamation on the north end, mining on the south end. The pipeline runs through the site east to west. The drive has been extended and paved. The floor is at 941. Tonnage is lower this year.
- Pleasant Hill gravel pit - they are recycling/scraping old equipment from former gravel pit, some material was sold last year. DEQ would like the pit to combine 2 lakes into one lake, no permits have been issued yet, and they will submit a modification to the township. Consumer energy is going to go through the driveway of Pleasant Hills for construction. Mining will take place in the next 4 to 5 years. Chairperson Lindemann is asking for a better copy of an aerial for the file, and an electronic copy that can be sent to the planning commission board.
- American Aggregates gravel pit – no materials were shipped from the site in 2017. Ground water monitoring has been submitted to the planning commission.

Gravel pit tour – set for April 21st Saturday at 8:30am starting at Burmeister gravel pit.

REPORTS:

Planning Commission Member Little reported that the noise issue needs to be addressed with Consumer Energy, the wall put up going to the southeast is not working completely in all the directions. Little went to a home land security training for the emergency planning for the township.

Planner Nanny reported a new law that passed that the deed restrictions for public school buildings that are for sale.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Jennifer Alexa
Recording Secretary

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