

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2019

APPROVED

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Freedom Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Lindemann at 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Little, Flahie, Lindemann, and Ochs
Absence: Schaible
Also, in Attendance: Supervisor Weidmayer, Planner Rodney Nanney, Project Manager John Tanner, Consumer Energy representatives, township residents.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Little supported by Ochs to approve the agenda as presented. Adding Zoning Ordinance to new business. **MOTION passed.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A **MOTION** made by Ochs supported by Flahie to dispense with the reading of the approval of the regular meeting minutes of February 5, 2019 meeting with corrections.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chairperson Lindemann spoke with Stoneco, Pleasant Hill Pit 9 and the application is forth coming. MTF magazine article protecting the township. HB 4046 regarding vacation rentals, that townships would have no regulation on them, and SB 104 is proposing if the open meetings act is not followed the township could be sued.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: The west side of Pleasant Lake has had open water during the cold weather. Consumer energy representative will find out, it might be due to the water discharge. A resident would like to know what temperature that goes back in the lake.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stoneco amendment – Stoneco amendment (renewal) Pleasant Hills Pit 9 application will be forth coming.

Ordinance 32 – the board continued to review for updates of the ordinance. They will get a clean copy and review one more time before they make a recommendation to the Township board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission members had a meeting with Consumer Energy regarding more transparency. The township would like to have the ability to communicate to the whole township. The Township would encourage residents to sign up for Nixle to get notifications <http://www.nixle.com>. The Township would like to get all the pipelines that run through the township to have the same procedures. On the Township website the township would like to put a form for questions, announcements and complaints and if needed to post the response this would be handled by the Township Clerk. The action that the residents should take is call 911 if there is an emergency with a pipeline. The above ground lights at either consumer energy or panhandle in the evening need to be adjusted so there is no road glare for drivers. The township would like monthly updates from Consumer Energy on the construction.

Zoning Ordinance amendment to add “contractors” and “equipment storage yard” to the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts as an allowable and use subject to conditional use permit approval.

Flahie made the **MOTION** that a Public hearing to be held on April 2, 2019 for an amendment to the zoning ordinance at 7:30 PM and the regular planning commission meeting will follow seconded by Little. All Ayes **MOTION passed unanimously.**

REPORTS: Hieber road home that had an apartment above the garage, is involved in a lawsuit with the buyer and seller. The Township Clerk and Planner have been served a subpoena.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATON: None

PROPOSED BUSINESS ON NEXT AGENDA: Conditional use permit reviews and amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM

Jennifer Alexa
Recording Secretary