

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Aug 1, 2017

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Members Present: Karen Flahie, Larry Lindemann, Susan Ochs and Dan Schaible, Absent: Matt Little.  
Also in attendance: Planner Rodney Nanny, Supervisor Dale Weidmayer, OHMs Marcus McNamera.

A motion was made by Flahie and supported by Ochs to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ochs with support by Lindemann, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the June 6th meeting. The motion passed.

Communications:

- Township Focus
- Report from Dale Behnke that he inspected the report of sand being put down on the edge of the lake at the Pittsfield Products property. It is a legal action called beach nourishment.
- Notice from Washtenaw Co. Health Dept. in regards to the Aura Inn property that no work can be done on the site until a permit is issued from them. Rodney has been in contact with the Washtenaw Co. Health Dept. to handle the matter.

Audience Participation:

- Jerry Sisco asked about building a pole barn with living space in addition to a house on the lake. He was again told that it was against the township ordinance. After some discussion Rodney suggested that he could petition the Township Board to amend the zoning ordinance to allow living space in an auxiliary building. Mr. Sisco will get with Dale to take the next step.
- Don Brown asked about septic field placement. He showed us a drawing of his proposal of what he wants to do. After discussion, he was told that he could not do what he proposed but he could remove an old cottage instead of rebuilding it, so there is only one house on the parcel, and combine some small lots to make one parcel for the lake house and drain field. This leaves the balance of the small lots for future use.

Old Business

- Private Road Ordinance

Language was added by our Attorney in regards to the violations section of the Ordinance to make a violation a civil infraction. Discussion followed that the Township does not have civil infraction ordinance and how this new ordinance would fit with rest of our ordinances. There was a revision to Section 6, item B after "survey" add "engineers drawings" and to Section 6, item G, add "the location of tile, utilities and culverts". There was a motion by Lindemann to approve the July 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 revised draft of the Private Road Ordinance No.12 and send to the township board. Support by Flahie, motion carried.

- Consumers Final Site Plan

Lindemann questioned the increased height of the compressor building and the accessory office building. An amendment was added to the site plan adding tree count, spacing and variety. Flahie

asked that varieties of tree be resistant to what is harming trees now. Consumers still needs to supply a construction plan for off-site storage of construction materials. They are looking to rent a neighboring parcel to do that. Discussion regarding noise was passed on to the Consumers Representatives that a few lake residents have experienced added or different vibration issues lately. Consumers needs to know what time of day this happens to investigate. Updated site plan sheets numbers 4, 5 and 11 presented to the Commission. There was a motion by Flahie to approve Consumers final site plan based on Rodney's report of July 24<sup>th</sup> 2017, with the change in his report of item 2 to sheets 4, 5 and 11, amended to include OHMs report, outside agencies permits and construction staging. Support by Ochs, motion passed.

- Temporary camping on vacant parcels

Rodney presented his updated version dated July 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 .Discussion followed. It was decided to strike Section 2, B number 8, D, screening. There was a question from the audience about leaving junk around. It's covered by page 2, Sec A, No. 7. Discussion on firewood moving resulted in referring to state law. Discussion on camping in the Ag district resulted in no changes. There was a decision to delete on Page 3, Section B, Number 9, Item C. Also adding property owners are responsible for their guests' compliance with any and all Local, State and Federal laws. There was a motion by Lindemann to hold a public hearing on the amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding Temporary Camping Activities on Tues., Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, regular meeting to follow. There was a support by Flahie, motion carried.

New Business

None.

Reports:

Schaible commented on the broadband vote coming up in Lyndon Township, that it was a lot of money.

Rodney stated that Bridgewater Township is drafting a marijuana ordinance. Also that a bill quietly passed that lifted deed restrictions on old school buildings. We have one in the township.

Dale mentioned the fatal car accident at Pleasant Lake and Parker Rds. Also mentioned that Levy will open up late this year for township gravel. Dale also said there is a County Historical meeting at Freedom Townhall on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to talk about the Kuebler historic site. Lastly, there is an informal meeting about PDR at the townhall on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm.

Audience participation: None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Dan Schaible, Secretary