

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Jan, 4, 2005

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

Members present DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Lindemann, Miller, Ochs, and Tschiltz.

Minutes of the December 7, 2004 meeting were read and approved.

Communications: Report for Levy by Hydrologic Association in Brighton on existing wells and groundwater. Semcog Regional Update, Huron River Report, Lodi Township correspondence about revision of their Master Plan.

Public Participation: Levy took care of the light problem that was brought up at our last meeting. It was noted that two different residents were doing things to their property that needed to be checked on to make sure they were following the ordinance. Also it was mentioned that the conditional use for Lori Fredrick's coffee shop should be checked on.

Agenda Item I – Report from Don Beagle of Hubbel, Roth and Clark concerning the inspection of the four operating gravel pits. He also had updated estimates for the reclamation bonds. Each of the pits has items that need to be attended to. All of the pits will receive copies of the report along with the amounts for the restoration bonds. There was a great deal of discussion over these amounts and it was then put into a motion from Bob Miller that a temporary bond be established for 90 days in the amount of \$250,000 and after this time a bond will be required for the amount provided by our Engineer which will be due April 1, 2005. Second by Stan Tschiltz. Motioned passed unanimously.

Agenda Item II – The Secretary, Carol Huehl was instructed to type letters to each of the gravel pits informing them of the restoration bond amounts and also that they are to provide their annual report at the February meeting of the Planning Commission.

Agenda Item III – Election of Officers for 2005. Nominations were made for each of the positions; Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. The Officers for 2005 will be Chairman, Larry Lindemann, Vice Chairman, Peter DeLoof and Secretary, Carol Huehl. A motion was made by Bob Miller to keep our meeting times at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Second by Jeff Horning. Motion passed.

In other business we were asked by the Township Supervisor if it was necessary to meet each month and would 5 members work as well as 7? The Planning Commission felt that it was necessary to meet each month because of all the agenda items. It was felt that if we did not meet monthly our meetings would be way too lengthy. We also felt it was better to have 7 members as there are times when members are unable to attend and by having more we are still able to have our meetings. It was felt that 5 members just did not work well.

Our next meeting will be February 1, 2005. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, Carol Huehl, Secretary

