

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2005

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Minutes of the August 2, 2005 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Communications: Michigan Township News, Barrett reclamation bond increase to \$664,594.00, Letter to DEQ from PC, Article from Jim Fish about groundwater maps in Michigan and Bob Miller sent a letter to the DEQ requesting information.

Audience Participation: Vaughn Martin asked what kind of impact the proposed increase in the Barrett Lake would have on local wells. He was referring to wells on the Northern and Western side of the pit. He felt this was a unique opportunity for the Township to get something back; for example, a park or access to the lake. He felt if the Township approved the increase in the lake; it should be done with contingencies that would protect the neighboring wells. David Davis asked if the Township had a wetlands ordinance. Wondered what it would take to get this initiated. He strongly suggested that the Township get a wetlands ordinance.

Old Business

1. Panhandle application site plan review. Don Pennington reported. Don has received some information but is still waiting to receive more. The Township Ordinance Enforcement (OEO), Richard Schenk is going to police the site a little closer and let the Planning Commission Chair know of any changes. We may have to have John Etters send a letter to them. Don will let us know when he receives more information. The Panhandle application was tabled by the Chair.

2. PDR update requirements. Don Pennington reported no further information had been received and that we need to wait to see what the County is going to do.

3. Update on Waterland American Aggregates. The subcommittee of Miller, DeLoof and Lindemann did not meet in August but plans to meet sometime in September.

4. HRC Invoices and detail list. A meeting of the Subcommittee and HRC was done on August 17, 2005. The invoice total is \$3949.74 with a credit of \$2,266.25. Don Beagle will be our contact person.

5. Washtenaw County Parks conditional use permit application. Peter DeLoof gave an update on the language of the conditional use. It was felt some further information is needed. DeLoof made a motion to table the application with the consent from the applicant until further information is received. Second by Miller.

6. Mike Ford Land Division tabled from August 5, 2003. The application request for the land division has been withdrawn. The Chair removed the application request and accepted their request for the tax division.

New Business

1. Land Division for Mike Forner. Mr. Forner gave the Township his word that nothing would be done for 10 years. He would be happy to draw up a Maintenance agreement for the easement. A motion was made by Horning to approve this as a parcel split with the Maintenance agreement on the 66' easement and that a copy be supplied to the Township. Second by Miller. Motion passed.

2. Review of Conditional Use Permits. The Kennedy dog kennel permit was reviewed by DeLoof and he gave his report. The Kennedy's have two dogs of their own. They temporarily house a few others usually two at a time. Their current use is what we had approved. Most the time no dogs except their own. The dog runs are not visible from the road. The chair is working on a revised list of what we've got. He wants someone to review the Michigan Material and Aggregate Company. Bob Miller offered to do this by our November meeting.

3. DEQ notice of public hearing has been set for September 22, 2005 at the Freedom Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. We would like to have Don Beagle present at this meeting and possibly someone from Etters office as well. Chairman Lindemann will email us for our input on this.

A motion to adjourn by Lindemann with a second from Huehl was made and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary