

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Work Session for Growth Management Plan
May 27, 2008

Chairman called the work session to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: DeLoof, Huehl, Lindemann, Ochs and Planner Bill DeGroot. Absent: Jeff Horning.

Audience Participation – Nothing

A date was set for a gravel pit tour of C& T Trucking for June 7, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. as long as it worked for Rob Martin.

A discussion began on the Jennifer Wells Bucholtz conditional use permit for a Veterinary Clinic. The findings of fact had not been received by our Planner. Bill Said he had contacted Jennifer but had not heard back from her. A question was asked about the need for a legal survey and was answered that yes it was needed because of side yard set backs and property lines. The Planning Commission members had a lot of good discussion on applications for zoning and conditional use permits and how to stream-line the process. We felt it might be beneficial to have a pre-application review. We could hand out all the necessary paperwork and requirements to any applicant at the start of any application and hopefully shorten the time period for responses. Larry will talk to the Township Board about this.

Growth Management Plan discussion began with Special Corridors. We decided to designate Pleasant Lake Road as an East and West Corridor. Designate South Fletcher Road and Schneider Road going south as our North and South Corridors. A Corridor is a monitoring program. Characters of Corridor – how to describe and maintain as is. Bike paths should be separate from the roadway. No boulevards, have separate bike paths and protection of natural features. Minimize any curb cuts. Bill DeGroot will review the SWWCOG to look at the need to reference certain design standards in the Growth Management Plan to make a reference to the Zoning Ordinance.

A handout about a Lake/Hamlet District was given to the Planning Commission Members from Bill. The Commission members would like to have input on this from the Pleasant Lake Association. They will have their responses back to us by the middle of June.

We need to rewrite the Extraction District Section.

Planner Bill DeGroot will have an updated draft in red-line version for us in 3 to 4 weeks.

A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Ochs to adjourn the Work Session. Motion passed. Work Session adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Ann Huehl, Secretary