

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2010

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Members present: Carol Huehl, Larry Lindemann, Susan Ochs and Dan Schaible, also Planner Bill DeGroot. Peter DeLoof was absent due to a client meeting.

It was suggested to do the new business first and then the old business. Huehl made a motion with support from Ochs to adopt the agenda as presented with the change of new business first and then the old business. Motion passed.

Communications: MTA News, Huron River Report, OHM report on C&T Transport visit. Susan Ochs brought an article in about gravel roads and how some townships are going back to them because of cost and efficiency. The Extension office is offering a class on Planning and Zoning and Susan Ochs would like to attend. Township Supervisor Dale Weidmayer said it would be a good idea.

Audience Participation: Bob Miller said they had received a new shipment of the Township History Books and that they would be sold for \$15.00 each. People should contact Bob Miller or Ray Berg if they want one. Huehl asked Bob Miller if he planned to continue being the Township historian and he said he would if we wanted him to. Everyone agreed that would be good. We then discussed the storage of files and maps for the Township.

New Business:

1) Richard Roehm Boundary adjustment. Jim Coval keeps track of these on a map that he has. The County has not been sending us a new map. Dale will check with Dick Steffens about this. Jim reviewed the application for the boundary adjustment and saw no problem with the request. At this time there is no fee for this. In keeping with the width to depth ratio (1 to 4.19) it should be 924' not 948'. A motion to accept the boundary adjustment is not necessary. We acknowledged the request and forward it on to Dick Steffens.

2) Election of officers for the 2010 calendar year. Huehl and Lindemann were both asked if they would continue in their current capacities. A motion was made by Ochs with support from Schaible to retain Larry Lindemann as the Chairman. A roll call vote was taken. Huehl – yes, Ochs – yes, Lindemann – abstained, and Schaible – yes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Ochs with support from Schaible to retain Peter DeLoof as the Vice Chairman. A roll call vote was taken. Huehl – yes, Ochs – yes, Lindemann – yes and Schaible – yes. Motion passed. A motion was made by Ochs with support from

Schaible to retain Carol Huehl as the Secretary. A roll call vote was taken. Huehl – abstained, Ochs -yes, Lindemann – yes and Schaible – yes. Motion passed.

3) Set calendar for Planning Commission meeting year 2010. Currently we meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Lindemann made a motion with support from Schaible to set the calendar for 2010 meetings on the first Tuesday of each month with changes being posted by legal requirement. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1) Zoning ordinance update. Sections 1 – 5. Planner Bill DeGroot gave the PC members an overlay zoning example to look over. Bill spoke about the Lake District and explained the different zoning possibilities for this area. The Lake District Sub-committee is encouraged to contact Bill DeGroot to ask questions or talk about any concerns. We began working on the Land Use Table section 4.02 at Accessory Dwelling. A lot of discussion was had about Adult Foster Care homes. We finished working on the table at Bed and Breakfast Inn and will start next time at Child Day Care home.

Reports: Chairman Lindemann reported that the MCJPC agreement had been approved by the Township Board but the Master Plan was not finished.

Audience Participation: nothing more.

Agenda items for next month are the annual reports from the Gravel Pits.

Chairman Lindemann made a motion with support from Ochs to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary