

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2009

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

Chairman Larry Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Members present: Carol Huehl, Larry Lindemann, Susan Ochs and Dan Schaible, also, Planners Bill DeGroot and Don Pennington. Peter DeLoof was absent due to a business obligation with a client.

Communications: Huron River Report, MSU Citizen Planner, MTA workshop, Barrett Open House and the MTA news.

Audience Participation: Nothing

Old Business:

1) Conditional use application for Jennifer Bucholtz was postponed until our July 2009 meeting. Carol will send a letter to Jennifer requesting her intent for the Conditional use application.

2) Review By-Laws from Don Pennington. Under section 8.9 Order of Business will be:

- A. Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the meeting.
- B. Call to order by the Chairman.
- C. Roll Call.
- D. Adoption of the agenda.
- E. Reading and approval of the minutes.
- F. Communications and any announcements from the Commission Members.
- G. Audience participation.
- H. Public Hearings.
- I. Old Business.
- J. New Business.
- K. Reports: 1) Chair 2) Township Board Representation 3) Zoning Board of Appeals Representative 4) Planning Consultant 5) Committees 6) Township Officials
- L. Any other Audience participation.
- M. Items for the next meeting if they are known or any reminders of upcoming things.
- N. Adjournment.

Bill will make these revisions and forward to Larry and then Larry will forward to the rest of the members.

3) Repeal Hickory Sticks Conditional Use Permit. We received a letter signed by Ann Wedemeyer stating that the Turf Management Plan has been terminated. The Liquor License has expired, but, a letter needs to be written to the Township Board stating that it is expired and that there's no longer a need for it. The character of the general area is agricultural. If single family dwellings are not orientated to agriculture it will be a potential conflict with established agricultural practices. All signs advertising the golf operations shall be removed per the Freedom

Township Zoning Ordinance by June 1, 2010 or transfer of ownership whichever is first. A disclosure statement terminating the business of Hickory Stick Investment LLC and Hickory Sticks Golf Course was sent to Jennifer Alexa, Township Clerk. A motion was made by Huehl to repeal the special use permit for Hickory Sticks Golf Course by a letter received from Ann Wedemeyer about the termination of the Turf Management plan and that a letter is received by the Township Board before next Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in regards to the liquor license and that all signage related to hickory Sticks Golf Course be removed by June 1, 2010 or by transfer of ownership whichever is first. The motion was supported by Ochs. A roll call vote was taken; Huehl – yes, Lindemann – yes, Ochs-yes and Schaible – yes. Motion passed.

4) Zoning Ordinance update. Article 3.0. In section 3.101 Schedule of District Regulations under AR minimum lot area Residential – one acre. Under R-2 minimum area for lot standards possibly change to 2 acres or have it be 3 acres. Also, the question came up about only one acre for Industrial. These are things that the members were asked to think about. In Article 4.0 we need to look at uses to be sure they are what we want or what we think we need for the Township. We will possibly discuss at our next meeting if the agenda allows room for this.

New Business:

1) The Michigan Citizen Planner workshop that Larry and Carol went to for Effective Meetings, Hearings and Minutes was very good. Both Larry and Carol felt they had learned a lot and are ready to use some of the things that they learned.

A motion was made by Huehl with support from Ochs to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, secretary