

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission Minutes - Approved

I. 11-Jan-16 meeting called to order 7:03 P.M. by Dave Horney

II. Roll Call

Cal Messing Dave Horney Mark Iwanicki
Ron Smith Tom Wharam

III. Citizen Participation

- None

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda as presented – Tom Wharam
- Second to motion – Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 14-Dec-15 as amended – Dave Horney
- Second to motion - Cal Messing
- Vote – unanimous

VI. Public Hearings

A. GSM mineral extraction

- Chip Tokar of Natural Resources Management gave a short presentation of the GSM quarry and the changes proposed
 - Must renew mineral extraction permit ever 5 years on the Crego-Pelts property
 - Every year must renew the GS Materials property through the annual inspection
 - Want to expand both lakes on both properties to move the lakes closer to each other
 - Will reapply with Michigan DEQ after several years to join the lakes
 - Have addressed the issues the township engineer and township planning consultant listed
 - Crego-Pelts property lake was 23 acres; adding 4.1 acres to west side (expanding to 27.1 acres
 - GSM property was 35.5 acres; adding 3.7 acres to east side (expanding to 38.7 acres
 - Expansion will allow the use of dredge
 - Currently have berms for visual and noise buffer; made of topsoil overburden; about 90% complete; minimum height is currently 8'
 - All mining is north of the emergency access road off of Hogan Road
 - Have been monitoring wells north of Willow Road
 - Ground water flows from northwest to southeast
 - Will lower main lake to within 1' of the original height
 - Do not have any development plans yet other than residential homes around lake; do not want to get permits yet
 - 4 phases; about 4 years per phase; have 15 – 20 years timeframe
 - Lakes are 15-17 feet in height different; will take years to lower lake level
 - Zone of influence does not extend beyond the property boundaries
 - Will not affect residential wells; Chip Tokar said that they monitor wells and any adjacent properties can join
 - Chip Tokar has been in contact with WCRC to maintain Bartlett Rd.

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maintenance is still a concern; will need to maintain road because of future plans

- Need date for berms being 8' above existing grade;
- Reclamation plan is good but does not include top soil
- Recommend postponing approval until engineers report is received
- Dave Faust explained what is done with the road gravel; GSM owes Bridgewater about five hundred tons of road gravel

- Mark Iwanicki commented on GSM working with the township; commented on the water quality; can only affect the properties south and east of the gravel pit;

VII. Old Business

- Report to trustees
- Purposely left out budget
- Motion to send the report the board as amended – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Cal Messing
- Vote – unanimous

VIII. New Business

- None

IX. Communications

A. Report from Zoning Administrator – Rodney Nanney

- A report was provided and is on record

B. Report on 7-Jan-16 Board of Trustees meeting – Ron Smith

- The minutes were sent out to Planning Commission members and are on record

X. Informational Items

- Laurie Fromhart received a FOIA request going forward on planning commission relating to GSM

XI. Public Comment

- None

XII. Adjournment

- Next planning commission meeting is 8-Feb-16 at 7:00 P.M.
- Motion to adjourn – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Cal Messing
- Vote – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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