

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission Minutes - Approved

I. 14-Nov-11 meeting called to order 7:00 P.M. by Dave Horney

II. Roll Call

Gary Baetens	Wes Cowden	Laurie Fromhart	Ron Smith
Dave Horney	Mark Iwanicki	Tom Wharam	

III. Citizen Participation

- None

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

- Motion to accept agenda as updated – Tom Wharam
- Second to motion – Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 10-Oct-11 as amended – Laurie Fromhart
- Second to motion – Ron Smith
- Vote – unanimous

VI. Public Hearings

A. Baker A renewal/SMR

- Notice of public hearing published in the Manchester Enterprise and The Clinton Local on 20-Oct-11, 36 ~~mailing property owners received notification~~ and ~~notice was~~ posted at the township hall
- Chip Tokar of Stansley Mineral Resource (SMR) & Todd Crane of SMR presented the background of the renewal of the license on the Baker A property
- Several township officials attended a tour of the Baker A property and the rest of the gravel pit
- Marcus McNamara of OHM Engineering Advisors sent out a letter report describing the license renewal
- The letter report is on record
- Original permit was issued in 2001
- Three changes from original permit
 - Need to reshape the pond as well as resloping of property
 - Water elevation changed slightly, the schedule changed (adding 1 year, Dec-2013 finish)
 - Need to lower the hill on west side by about 20 feet
- Mining is complete, all earth movement is for reclamation purposes
- Marcus McNamara reviewed his letter report dated 8-Nov-11
 - Both parcels owned by Baker's
 - Have a letter from the Baker's stating that ~~this is their~~ they intentconcente to the amended reclamation plan
 - He recommends a final aerial photograph to have on file and tracked
- Bill DeGroot reviewed his recommendation
 - Has been twice renewed
 - Need outside permits or reclamation bonds
 - Everything is similar to original request

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- ~~Chair Horney Open special meeting~~ opened the public hearing at 7:22 PM
- Kent Handelsman of 13708 Willow Road would like ~~later shorter~~ hours for pit operations, especially on Saturday's
 - Laurie Fromhart said ~~that this was known about and addressed~~ the board addressed the issue of SMR operating outside of their permitted hours and that the Supervisor granted emergency hours in October
 - Dave Horney asked about ~~reclamation-emergency~~ hours, Chip said that these hours were not expected
- Kent Handelsman asked about the location of the other parcel; Marcus show him on a map that he had
- Dave Horney read a letter from Greg and Beth Fuchs of 13996 Allen Road; commenting on hours of operation
- The letter is on file
- Chip Tokar commented emergency hours were granted for paving of MIS, new hours 7 – 9; Chip did not inform neighbors of extended hours
- Chip Tokar will inform ~~Kent Handelsman~~ neighbors of extended hours in the future
- Kent Handelsman said that this does not constitute an emergency; most agreed that this is a bad term
- Laurie Fromhart suggested that Kent speak with ~~Juleolia Mull~~ or the township board
- Mark Iwanicki commented that one of the Baker's is happy with the work being done reclaiming the property
- Dave Horney asked about the elevation of the bottom of the pond; SMR will do a topographical map of the bottom of the pond
- Laurie Fromhart asked about the size of the pond, about 4.9 acres; the pond probably will not be a rectangle shape as shown on the plan and may not reach 4.9 acres in size
- Chair Horney closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.
- Deliberations ~~were~~ started at 7:43 PM
- Motion to recommendation approval to township board APPROVAL of the SMR application to renew the mineral extraction license for the Baker A parcel for a period of 5 years along with supporting documentation from the township planner and engineer – Laurie Fromhart
- Second to motion – Mark Iwanicki
- Roll call vote -
Gary Baetens - yes Wes Cowden - absent Laurie Fromhart - yes Ron Smith - yes
Dave Horney - yes Mark Iwanicki - yes Tom Wharam - yes
- Chip Tokar will supply 4 set of 11x17 copies of plan 3484-3 and cross section drawings
- Kent Handelsman asked about the approval of extraction vs. reclamation and length of time (1yr vs. 5 yr); Bill DeGroot explain the differences

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VII. Old Business

A. WCPARC follow up

- The board accepted the recommendation of the PC
- ~~All~~ Two of the three signs have been removed

B. Continuation of special meeting zoning ordinance review

- Started on page 4 of article 8.03
- Finished all of section 8

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- Will start section ~~9.06~~ at the next meeting
- Motion to extend the meeting to finish the agenda – Laurie Fromhart
- Second to motion – Ron Smith
- Vote – unanimous

VIII. New Business

- None

IX. Communications

- A. Report on 3-Nov-11 Board of Trustees meeting – Laurie Fromhart
- Laurie Fromhart reported on the highlights of the Board of Trustees meeting
 - The minutes are on record
- B. Report from Zoning Administrator – Carl Macomber
- There was no report from the Zoning Administrator

X. Informational Items

- None

XI. Public Comment

- None

XII. Adjournment

- Next meeting: 12-Dec-11 at 7:00 P.M.
- Motion to adjourn – Laurie Fromhart
- Second to motion – Dave Horney
- Vote – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 P.M.