

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Georgetown Township Mineral Mining Board, held Monday, March 21, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Greg Honderd

Members Present: Greg Honderd, Jim Wierenga, Carol Scholma, Mannette Minier, Mining Official
Members Absent: Tim Smit,

#160321-01 – (ML1601) DeWent Gravel, 1601 Chicago Dr.-RENEWAL of (ML1101)-(ML0702)-(ML0202)

Marvin VanSomeren, President DeWent Gravel, represented the applicant and presented the request.

The Mining Official presented a [staff report](#).

Jim Wierenga asked about the noise and dust with the crushing operation.

The applicant responded that they had been tested for acceptable levels.

The Mining Official noted that the crushing operation was south on the site, closer to Chicago Dr. than to the residences to the north.

Moved by Carol Scholma, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to adopt the staff report as finding of fact and to approve (ML1601) a **renewal** of a Mineral Mining License for DeWent Gravel, 1601 Chicago Dr., as per the request in the [letter](#) dated January 4, 2016, to be effective until June 30, 2021, as per Sec. 26-74, for P.P.# 70-14-22-200-039 and 70-14-23-100-028, located at 1601 Chicago Dr. and 1687 DeWent Dr., in (I) Industrial District, as shown on the [site plan](#) dated 1/13/15, based on the findings that the site and operation is in compliance with the Mining Ordinance and all other ordinances, and with the following conditions:

- All terms and conditions as presented with the initial application materials remain in effect;
- Hours of operation are limited to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, and no Sundays or holidays;
- The haul route is off Chicago Dr., as approved in the original license, plus an additional haul route was added with access from DeWent Dr. and 18th Ave.;
- All berms are to be maintained;
- All entrances and exits to the site shall be securely locked during hours when mining operations are not permitted on the site.
- All vehicles used to transport excavated material shall be loaded in a manner so that the material cannot be unintentionally discharged from the vehicle. Vehicles shall be cleaned of all material not in the load-bed prior to entering the public streets. If materials excavated from the site are deposited or spilled upon the public roadway, it shall be the responsibility of the licensee, without requiring any action or request by the township, to immediately remove the spilled or deposited material;
- A licensee shall comply with all soil erosion, wetlands and floodplain rules and regulations of the State of Michigan, Ottawa County and the township;
- Fueling of vehicles on any site shall comply with statutes, rules and regulations enforced and implemented by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

- No future development approvals are implied by the approval of the reclamation plan and the application must obtain any approvals as required by all Township ordinances for any future development.
- All roads within the site are to be maintained in a manner that controls dust and prevents debris from being carried onto public streets.
- If filling of an excavated area is necessary during reclamation, only inert material, as defined by the Michigan Solid Waste Management Act (Act No. 641 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended) shall be used.
- Upon termination of mining operations, the licensee shall be responsible to reclaim the site in accordance with reclamation plans approved by the review board. If the licensee fails to reclaim the site as required by the approved reclamation plans, the township may come upon the site and reclaim the land in accordance with those plans and may use the proceeds of the performance guarantee required by this article to defray the costs of the reclamation.
- Upon the cessation of all mining operations (or any phase of operations, as applicable) except stockpiling, and within a reasonable period of time, not exceeding 12 months thereafter, all tanks, buildings, stockpiles, and equipment shall be removed from the site unless the building or structures can lawfully be used on the site for other purposes as permitted by applicable laws or ordinances.
- Storage and stockpiling of mined products after cessation of mining activities may be permitted by the review board by annual license granted for that limited purpose. In no event shall any additional materials be allowed to be added to these stockpiles and a license granted for storage or stockpiling of mined products shall not interfere with or excuse reclamation as otherwise required under this article.
- **Additional materials be allowed to be brought onto the site and added to any stockpiles only as shown on the site plan.**
- **The license includes a crushing operation for no more than one week annually.**
- No additional materials are required of the applicant at this time since the initial application contained all the required submittal materials and nothing has changed as of this time. In addition, a site inspection was conducted and the site is in conformance with the terms of the initial mining license as well as other Township ordinances.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#160321-02 – Minutes of the Mineral Mining Board meeting held on March 16, 2015

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Carol Scholma, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#160321-03 – Election of Officers

Moved by Mannette Minier, seconded by Jim Wierenga, to elect Greg Honderd-Chairman, Jim Wierenga-Vice-Chairman, and Mannette Minier-secretary.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#160321-04 – Other Business

#160321-05 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.