

Minutes
Salem Township Planning Commission
January 9, 2014

Called to Order – 7 p.m. Present – Boerema, Boyles, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Wagner, Oosterink.

Approval of the agenda – motion by Oosterink, second by Boerema. Motion carried.

Approval of the December 5, 2013 Minutes – motion by Wagner, second by Berens. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Township Board update – by Boyles. Four items: approval of streetlight at 143rd and Summercreek, Outdoor Gathering Ordinance approved, Boerema and Wagner reappointed to Planning Commission for 3 year terms, and 2014 Meeting Dates approved.

Public Hearing for Mark Collins, request for used vehicles sales at 2614 142nd. Brief overview of request given by Myers. Public Hearing opened at 7:04 p.m. Explanation and details of request given by Mark Collins. He is currently operating at a location on Chicago Drive and wishes to change locations. His operation is mostly wholesale. He plans no additional signage beyond listing on current sign. He intends to lay down crushed asphalt or concrete and will add no lighting beyond what currently exists. His hours of operation will be limited to about 30 with only one evening open until 7 p.m. He will do no repairs on site. There was no public comment or questions. Motion to close public hearing by Pitsch, second by Oosterink. Motion carried. 7:10 p.m.

PC member discussion clarified that there will be no vehicles other than cars and light trucks, 2004 and newer. There will be no repairs or storage. No other items will be sold.

Motion by Pitsch to approve request with the following conditions: crushed asphalt or concrete will be laid down, no repairs on site, no additional signage or lighting, and no storage of unsaleable vehicles. Seconded by Oosterink. Motion carried.

Budget discussion – request to Supervisor Pitsch on 2013 spending. Appears that levels will be same for next budget but discussion will continue next month.

Master Plan – Myers will ask about printing costs.

Public comment – Supervisor Pitsch is looking for Planning Commission involvement in an all hazards mitigation plan which would support grant opportunities for the township. One part would deal with winter storms (snowbound/stranding and rescue teams/shelters). The other part would deal with summer storms, for example flooding (FEMA, floodplain mapping) and tornado safe building standards. He will forward reading material to members.

Motion to adjourn by Oosterink, seconded by Berens. Motion carried. 7:34 p.m.

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