

Salem Township Planning Commission

Minutes, April 2, 2015

Called to Order – 7 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance. Members Present – Berens, Boerema, Myers, Oosterink, Pitsch, Wagner. Absent with notice – Boyles.

Approval of the Agenda – motion by Wagner, seconded by Boerema – motion carried.

Approval of the March, 2015 minutes – motion by Oosterink, seconded by Pitsch – motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Township Board Update – by Supervisor Pitsch. Mailbox replacement will be done by road commission drivers. New firetruck deliver is now end of April/beginning of May. Another computer was purchased by the library due to heavy usage. A lot (landlocked) owned by township was offered to adjacent property owner. PA 166 for R Crismon considered. Permits granted for Burn Camp and BUM Run. Support for Proposal 1 was not passed.

Parks Plan – Supervisor Pitsch will pursue more Board input.

Burnips (Village) Zoning – Aerial view and current setbacks presented by PCI (Sharphorn) as measured from centerline of road which shows most as nonconforming. A new ordinance would be to make uses in the district conforming and allow rebuild in case of natural disaster possible, but variance would be needed in some cases. A sample of the Jamestown Ordinance was distributed for study and comparison to sample received last month.

Public Comment – Sharphorn (PCI) presented information on meth houses. Must be properly cleaned at owner's expense (\$1000 or more). The "Dangerous Buildings Act" will give Township notification from County Health Department so Township can enforce clean up.

Money is available for Kalamazoo Watershed clean up but there is no county set up to apply for it.

Other/Roundtable – Error in hearing information for May – there is no gun range planned, it is personal storage only. Top Grade Renewal inquiry. Request for 2014 activities (permits, etc).

Adjournment – motion by Oosterink, seconded by Berens – motion carried. 8:43 p.m.

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