

Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes, November 2, 2017

Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm.

Roll Call of Members – Present – Boyles, Boerema, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Wagner, Oosterink. Absent – none.

Recognition of Visitors – none.

Approval of the October, 2017 Minutes – Motion by Oosterink, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public on items not on the Agenda – none.

Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting – Motion by Pitsch, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

New Business

Deliberation on Private Drive Sup request from Classic Home Construction (from October meeting) – Petition received from neighbors and community members in opposition to request, 47 signatures. Additional document received from parcel owner regarding floodplain. Myers noted that as is, not enough frontage for driveway so must be private road. Also stated that he thought it would help drainage. Members then reviewed the Findings of Fact:

- a. Consensus – complies. Private roads are commonly occurring in Ag Districts.
- b. Consensus – complies. Designed to meet township standards for safety.
- c. Consensus – complies. None required.
- d. Consensus – complies. No more traffic than a regular driveway.
- e. Consensus – complies. Not prime ag land.
- f. Consensus – complies. Allows residences in Ag District.

Motion by Boerema, seconded by Wagner to approve Private Road request with condition that Drain Commission approval is give. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Amendment to Ordinance 10.03, Mixed Use. Myers explained that the purpose of the amendment is to give flexibility by combining uses. 7:25 Public Hearing opened. Lori (PCI) explained uses by right and special uses and gave examples. Public comment – Kari Lacey – lives in residential district with industrial uses in that district – believes that industrial uses should be kept in industrial districts. Myers explained that amendment would give opportunity to look at these uses and do a better job of policing. Lori (PCI) then explain special use and by right use process and gave examples. Motion by Boyles, seconded by Oosterink to close Public Hearing. Motion carried. 7:31 pm. PC discussion – none. Motion by Oosterink, seconded by Pitsch to recommend amendment as written to Township Board. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

Correspondence Received

Petition opposing Private Drive SUP – presented by Myers, received by PC members
Inquiry regarding Sandy Pines internal zoning – forwarded to PCI

Reports and Comments -

Township Board Update – still working on recycle station funding with Allegan County

PCI – Lori will email blight ordinance for members to review. It is policing power in Salem Township so Board can enact without PC input.

Other/Roundtable

2018 Meeting dates set:

January 4	May 3	September 6
February 1	June 7	October 4
March 1	July 12 (2 nd Thursday)	November 1
April 5	August 2	December 6

Reviewed current blight issues being addressed.

Redline court hearing tomorrow.

Adjournment – Motion by Pitsch, seconded by Boerema to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:42 pm.