

Salem Township Planning Commission

Minutes, December 7, 2017

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm.

Roll Call of Members – All present - Berens, Boyles, Boerema, Myers, Oosterink, Pitsch, Wagner.

Recognition of Visitors – none.

Approval of the November, 2017 Minutes – motion by Boerema, seconded by Oosterink – 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

Public Hearing – Request by Troost for accessory structure in front yard

Introduction of request by Troost – land in rear is very low and wet – only dry place is to the side and front of house – showed picture of flooding. 60’ by 60’ barn will fit best.

Public hearing opened at 7:04 pm. No neighbors present. Motion to close public hearing by Pitsch, seconded by Boerema – motion carried. 7:08 pm.

PC member discussion – consensus is that it is appropriate, with flood picture demonstrating practical difficulty.

Findings of Fact -

- a. Complies – personal storage fits residential area**
- b. Complies – already service to residence**
- c. Complies – none needed**
- d. Complies – none**
- e. Complies – personal storage common in residential area**
- f. Complies**

Motion by Pitsch, second by Wagner to approve as requested. Motion carried.

Public Hearing – Amendment to Ag Conservation District

Purpose of amendment is to clarify certain uses for focus in order to align with intent of this zoning district

Public Hearing opened at 7:17 pm.

Motion to close Public Hearing by Pitsch, second by Boerema. Motion carried. 7:23 pm.

Motion to recommend adoption of this amendment to the Township Board by Berens, second by Wagner. Motion carried.

Discussion – Disabled Vehicle Ordinance – Township Board request for input from Planning Commission. Purpose is to aid in blight enforcement.

Motion by Pitsch, second by Wagner to recommend to Township Board. Motion carried.

Old Business

Redline request for information on land use. Consensus that must comply with Ordinance. Lori (PCI) will contact by phone.

Correspondence Received

From Byron Township – notice of amendment to their Master Plan

From R Genetski, Court Clerk – notice of filing of judge’s decision upholding PC decision regarding Redline Excavating.

Reports and Comments

Township Board Update – by Boyles –

Fence amendment passed

Mixed use amendment passed

2018 road projected noticed

Another grant for severe weather shelter at Sandy Pines being worked on

Additional firefighter added

PCI – none

Other/Roundtable

Possible mineral extraction/storage – east side of 30th north of 146th.

Adjournment – Motion by Berens, second by Wagner to adjourn. Motion carried. 8:05 pm.