

**Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes, March 1, 2018**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7:01 pm.

Roll call of members – Present – Boyles, Berens, Myers, Oosterink, Pitsch, Wagner. Absent with notice – Boerema.

Recognition of Visitors – none.

Approval of the February, 2018 minutes – motion by Pitsch, seconded by Boyles. Motion carried.

Comments from the public on items not on the Agenda – none noted.

Approval of the Agenda for the meeting – motion by Wagner, seconded by Berens. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

New Business

Public Hearing – SUP Accessory building for personal storage, request by Mike Oudshoorn.

Hearing opened at 7:04 pm. Overview by Lori (PCI). Building to be 2400 square feet, stick built, 17' tall, 200 feet from road. Located in front of residence due to slope and wetness of rear yard.

It was noted that a neighbor already has a front yard accessory building.

Public comment from a neighbor who noted that Mr. Oudsman will “do it well”, and that the need for more drainage has been resolved.

Motion by Oosterink, seconded by Wagner to close public hearing. Motion carried 7:09 p.m.

Member discussion – Myers asked for landscaping clarification (existing only). Wagner and Berens noted nice appearance.

Findings of Fact - complies with all, (a) through (f) because it does not change the character or zoning of the district. Meets Township standards.

Motion by Pitsch, seconded by Oosterink to approve as requested without conditions. Motion carried.

PC/ZBA Training opportunity – no interest.

Old Business

Updates – Mineral extraction on 30th – Owner working on application – needs better site plan.

Blight Situations – Now that weather has improved, enforcement can move forward. Property at 32nd and 146th has been sold, being cleaned up.

Reportd and Comments

Township Board Update – by Boyles – Further recycle station discussion, vehicle ordinance discussion, contractors’ yard amendment passed. Poverty tax exemption for

property passed. Penalties for late transfer of property passed. Fire Department – grant for new equipment, new probationary firefighter. Wayland ambulance grant received (recognition).

PCI Update – Issues to address or clarify regarding:

- 1. Master Plan to-do list, need to review. Members look at for next meeting.**
- 2. Zoning map – needs to be updated in light of rezonings since last map published. Need to research changes in minutes.**
- 3. Land division section of ordinance needs to be clarified to reduce confusion regarding division rights. Put on agenda for next meeting.**
- 4. Wedding Barns – up and coming , need to review section 15.7 of Ordinance.**

Other/Roundtable

Berens noted that the Distillery that was to be in old cremery building has located elsewhere.

Adjournment – Motion by Oosterink, seconded by Berens to adjourn, Motion carried. 8:11 pm.