

**Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes, October 4, 2018**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm.

Roll call of Members - Present – Boyles, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Wagner, Oosterink. Absent with notice – Coupe.

Recognition of visitors – Ronda Blain (resident, Doug & Barb Miller (residents)

Approval of the September, 2018 Minutes – motion by Pitsch, seconded by Wagner, Motion carried.

Comments from the Public – Doug Miller – concerned about commercial activity in area – Loew Sand Mine (PCI letter to go out – see below), Redline Excavating (operating under ag regulations for 1 year land improvement provision), Great Lakes Excavating (crushing concrete – will be checked). Also concerned about trucks using engine brakes. Ronda Blain – Concerned -residents living in pole barns, 4 on her street. Asked what ordinance is. Myers explained that they need to meet same code as house, including energy code. Lori (PCI) explained that pole barns are allowed everywhere and asked for addresses to follow up on inspection records. Also concern about whether alcohol is legal at wedding venue. Lori (PCI) replied that it is a state not township issue and that some bartenders have traveling permits. Venue must meet commercial standards.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – None noted.

New Business

Agenda Format – To allow greater public comment – must allow on all topics. Disclaimer to be added to bottom of all agenda for next meeting.

Discussion – Recreation Marijuana on November Ballot – no need to react yet but begin to consider – unlike medical marijuana which allowed for opt out by doing nothing, recreation is opposite – must take action to opt out. Need to consider feeling/opinions in township.

Old Business

Zoning Maps – ready, waiting for Township Board to determine how many to be printed

Sand mining Operation on 30th (Loew) – Letter to be mailed giving 15 days to comply. Blain asked if we could halt operations now pending compliance but we would not.

Need to exhaust all reasonable avenues first.

Correspondence received – none

Reports and Comments

Township Board – by Boyles – revote on Township Ordinance amendments from September, new engine for Fire Department (nearly \$half million), added fee for storage containers

PCI – none

Other/Roundtable – Great Lakes Excavating – concrete crushing, ref. to PCI. Burnips Equipment – dead trees on back line, added loading dock for trucks – ref to PCI to check. L Bartz – huge sand piles, waterfront lots advertising – ref to PCI. Teeds – front porch roof fell off – ref to PCI.

Adjournment – motion by Berens, seconded by Boyles. Motion carried. 7:51 pm. Next Meeting – November 1.