

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes, September 3, 2020

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7:12 pm

Roll Call of Members – Present – Boyles, Coupe, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Oosterink. Absent – Wagner.

Recognition of Visitors – Elizabeth and Kelvin Schafer, Dan Streigle, Mike Noteboom

Approval of the August, 2020 Minutes – Motion by Boyles, Seconded by Coupe. Motion carried by all.

Comments from the Public – none

Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting – Motion by Oosterink, Seconded by Berens. Motion carried by all.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted

New Business

Public Hearing – SUP - Accessory building in front yard – Noteboom. Hearing opened at 7:15 pm. Introduction by Myers. Applicant removed previous structure from parcel but kept foundation and will use under barn in front of new house as it is the only place it will fit due to very hilly nature of parcel. After discussion, it was determined that the 86 feet front setback is actually 100 plus feet due to applicant measuring from side of road, not middle of road. Well from previous house is located in old foundation and barn will be used to shelter well.

Motion by Oosterink to close Public Hearing, Seconded by Boyles. Motion carried by all, 7:22 pm.

Section 15.03 Findings of Fact

- a. Complies – It is a barn and there are many in neighborhood.**
- b. Complies – Simply in front instead of rear of residence.**
- c. Complies – Only yard size is issue.**
- d. Complies – Only barn personal residence storage.**
- e. Complies – Due to rural nature of community.**
- f. Complies – Just front yard size.**

Accessory Building –

- 1. Yes – Meeting side yard setbacks**
- 2. Yes – Not adding driveway**
- 3. Yes – Not needed**
- 4. Yes – Front and side setbacks are met.**

Motion by Pitsch to approve application without conditions – Seconded by Boyles. Motion carried by all.

Old Business

Top Grade - Motion by Oosterink - Seconded by Berens to postpone to next meeting. Motion carried by all.

Corresponded received – none

Reports and Comments – Township Board – Will get quotes for rewrite of Parks plan by professional in order to use in grant applications. Supervisor to get information on Broadband for township. New Salem rezoning approved.

Next Meeting – October 1

Motion to Adjourn by Berens – Seconded by Oosterink. Carried by all. 7:46 pm.