

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes, April 7, 2022

7 pm, Salem Township Hall

Called to Order. Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm.

Roll Call of Members – Present- Striegle, Coupe, Pitsch(recording), Myers (chair), Berens, Wagner, Oosterink.

Recognition of Visitors – James Pitsch, Salem Township Supervisor

Approval of the March, 2022 Meeting minutes – Motion by Pitsch, second by Wagner. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public – Supervisor Pitsch requested final copy of Private Road Standards.

Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting – Motion by Oosterink, second by Coupe. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

New Business

Public Hearing, Top Grade Renewal, opened at 7:05 pm. Jason (PCI) reviewed application. This renewal was requested to be before Planning Commission by Planning Commission. Renewal for up to 5 years although expectation is 2 year completion. Top Grade is working on lake and slope behind it.

Public Comment – Ronda Blain- asked where site is (142nd just west of Town Hall) and how many lots will be created (TBD later) – Supervisor Pitsch noted that slope in the back will be a 1:5 rather than 1:3 which exceeds standard, shallower than required. Motion to close Public Hearing by Berens, second by Wagner. Motion carried. 7:22 pm

Planning Commission discussion – Coupe asked about Insurance cert as it expires May 1. PCI assured that a new one would be received in time as renewal is always done at last minute by insurance companies.

PCI asked if permit will need to come back to Planning Commission in 1 year, as completion is getting close. Consensus was that Top Grade should come back in 2 years as an agenda item as their will be a clearer estimate of completion by then.

Motion to approve renewal by Pitsch, second by Striegle. Motion carried.

Old Business

Discussion of amending Accessory Building size limitations – Information and samples from nearby zoning units were presented by Lori (PCI) and members discussed each. The sample from Wayland was closest to members ideas. Will look over after some thought, again next month.

Correspondence received

From Monterey Township. They are reviewing and updating their Master Plan.

Reports and Comments

Township Board by Striegle – Work done on cybersecurity insurance, blight ordinance (no vote), Stomp Out Child Abuse resolution, Williams and Works as Planner of Record (postponed) and a decision to take a second look at donations to other groups.

PCI – call received regarding sign at old Burnips Equipment building regarding tire store – being checked.

Other/Roundtable

Question from PC member regarding use of blue twine as ‘fence’ at Lowe sand mind – PCI said that permit did not describe fence to be used so anything that marks the area is okay. Another member ask a question about residential ponds/sale of sand – may need a permit, best to check with PCI.

NEXT MEETING – MAY 5, 2022

Adjournment – Motion by Oosterink, second by Wagner. Motion carried. 8:13 pm.