

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES, JUNE 2, 2022

7 PM SALEM TOWNSHIP HALL

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm

Roll Call of members – Present – Coupe, Striegler, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Wagner, Oosterink

Recognition of Visitors – none

Approval of the Minutes of the previous Meeting – Motion by Pitsch, Second by Wagner – Motion carried.

Comments from the Public – Aaron Boerma – lives on private drive by Sandy Pines Condo – behind a house causing flooding for him at 3678 Peyton Place – PCI is looking into adherence to engineering requirements and will get back to him.

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

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – None Noted.

New Business

Accessory Building Size. Ordinance Amendment – canceled – to be noticed for July Meeting

Old Business –

TKN Farms – request for processing and crushing at Mineral Extraction location – re opened at 7:14 - owner asked how often screener would run – answer – on any given day, said not louder than neighbor thought, at 45 – 55 at 65 feet, Mr Zuidema (neighbor) said 40 decibels is normal in the country and 55 is not good per his audiologist. Mr Zuidema also questioned who polices pit – answer PCI, and what about dust control? Ans has been applied twice. The he mentioned material being brought in against permit in place – answer – it is topsoil for the banks (berms). Lori (PCI) explained that it is not illegal to bring in topsoil- it is being used not stockpiled - but cannot bring in concrete, millings, etc. Mr Zuidema then mentioned previously discussed law protecting mineral extraction rights is NOT in effect. Lori (PCI) explained that a previous amendment to statewide zoning enabling prohibits denial of extraction unless very serious consequences are shown. She has inspected TKN site and found no violations. Mr Zuidema then asked how many times pit has been inspected – Lori said she has been there 2 or 3 times and Myers went out there once. Neither found anything egregious. Christine Zuidema asked if TKN can bring in materials for stockpile? Currently no but could make future application to do so. Bonnie Mast asked if screener would move through phases – answer – depends on economy. Lori recorded sound on her watch showing 65 decibels when she talks, 50 – 55 when others talk. A generator was 81 at 50 feet. Jackhammer 89 at 50 feet and a piledriver 110 at 50 feet. Below 80 no affect, over 80 more for 5 hours a day or 40 hours per week. Lynette looked at ordinances in other places and found consensus of limit of 55 decibels at property line when equipment is 200 to 300 feet from property line. Berens asked if it is per piece of equipment or total? Answer – total. TKN offered to bring screener in borrowed from Cordes that is the same as he would use and set up times for members to come on site and hear it Lori noted that members must go in small shifts to avoid violation of Open Meetings Act, no more than 3 at a time. Oosterink noted that other equipment like loaders are already approved. Berens pointed out that some trucks are using engine (Jake) brakes in violation of Township Ordinance. TKN will take to drivers.

Motion by Pitsch, Second by Wagner to postpone. Carried.

Correspondence received – none

Reports and Comments –

Township Board – by Striegler - working on blight ordinance – weed & nuisance ordinances, budget, Great Lakes Fiber Optic right of way.

PCI – no report

Other/Roundtable – next meeting July 7

Adjournment – Motion by Berens, Second by Coupe – Motion carried. 8:09 pm.