

**Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes. January 5, 2023**

Call to Order, pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm

Roll Call of members – Present – Wagner, Berens, Oosterink (chair), Pitsch (recording), Coupe, Striegle. Absent with notice – Myers

Recognition of Visitors – from Williams & works – Tanya DeOliveria (leading Master Plan Steering Committee)

Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes – Motion by Pitsch, Seconded by Coupe. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public – none.

Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting – Motion by Berens, seconded by Striegle. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

New Business

PC discussion – solar Energy Ordinance – Opened by Jason (PCI) – handed out same Ordinance from Township Attorney who thought it best. Wagner asked why best? Jason did not know. Members of PC discussed separation of private and commercial applications for clarity in a new ordinance. Jason will develop separation for study. Will bring to Township Hall for member pick up. Question on how to treat multi- farm /owners for example, setbacks. There is an MSU guide (40+ pages) that Jason will also drop off for member study. Discussion to continue next meeting.

Master Plan – Tanya (W & W) reviewed steps, such as factual chapters update and community survey results that she is working on. Next will be review of goals and objectives with Steering Committee. Later there will be opportunity to incorporate more details concerns. A list will be emailed to tanya.

Correspondence received – none

Reports and Comments

Township Board – by Striegle – Meeting dates for 2023 set. Board chose not to participate in paving discussion (34th St. Solar Moratorium resolution passed. Hot spots funded for Library. Poverty guidelines set at 20% over State guidelines. New member for PC not yet selected.

PCI – issues and concerns – none

Other/Roundtable

Question on surface that Burnips Equipment is using for parking in the back, and tree replacement in rear screen. Computer for PC secretary – Jim (Township Supervisor) will check into this.

Training for PC/ZBA planned for on February 16 or 28, 6 – 9 pm at township Hall to be led by Williams and works. Other townships to be invited but limited number of people. Supervisor Pitsch to set price.

NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 2, 2023.

Motion to adjourn by Berens, Seconded by Coupe. Motion carried. 8:21 pm.