

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES, OCTOBER 5, 2023

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance - 7 pm.

Roll Call of Members - Present - Coupe, Striegle, Pitsch, Oosterink (Chair), Berens, Meyers, Wagner.

Recognition of Visitors - none

Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting with corrections - Moved by Wagner, Seconded by Berens . Motion carried.

Comments from the Public - none

Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting: Moved by Coupe Seconded by Striegle . Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest - none noted

New Business: Public Hearing for Special Use Permit for Steve Young. Opened at 7:03 pm. - Accessory building larger than permitted by right. Overview by Jason (PCI) - expand existing structure with addition of 3,072 square feet, 1462 square feet over allowed. Not more visible from road. Possible greenhouse hoops. Located in dense corridor of township, on 30th just south of 142nd. Public Comment - none opened 7:09, closed at 7:10. Consensus during board discussion was that it is okay. Has health department perked property? No, existing well.

Findings of Fact - 15.03

- a - complies, many pole barns in area
- b. complies - no need for additional services
- c. complies - storage only
- d. complies - personal storage only
- e. complies - already many barns in area
- f. complies -remains residential

Second opportunity for public comment - none

Motion to close Public Hearing by Pitsch. Seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Motion to approve application as requested by Pitsch. Seconded by Coupe. Motion carried

Correspondence received - none

Reports and Comments:

Township Board by Striegle - waiting for attorney for some issues - new water softner for hall - zoning changes for Demeray. Clerk's resignation accepted as of October 1. Also had special meeting

for grant application (upped township portion to score more points). Approved money for radios for fire department. Cemetary issued with headstone pending.

Pcl by Jason Derry - Jason will be checking on solar energy amendment status with attorney and also AirBNB inquiry.

Master Plan Steering Committee by Coupe - W & W put out revised plan for comments by September 25. Now being complied.

Other/Roundtable - Berens - asked who mowed 146th and 32nd? Very thankful for visibility. Wagner - free private well testing - kits all gone. Now have to get from county at a cost. Compliments to Black Gold for nice job on 32nd Street. Thanks to Township Board for use of computer for PC in order to record minutes, etc on non-personal machine. Oosterink ask if 1 meeting a year could be clear of hearings, etc in order to cover budget, election of officers, and other PC business such as meeting dates for next year and items we want to work on, year in review, as a future goal. Will try for budget and other items next month as no hearings or other requests have been scheduled.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2023

Adjournment: Moved by Berens. Seconded by Pitsch. Motion carried. 8 pm.