

Salem Township Planning Commission

October 2, 2025 – Minutes

Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm

Roll Call of Members – Present – Coupe, Pitsch, Oosterink, Berens, Meyer, Wagner

Absent with Notice – Striegle

Recognition of Visitors – none

Public Hearing Guidelines – noted as at bottom of Agenda

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion by Pitsch, Second by Berens. Carried.

Comments From the Public – Kathryn (neighbor) - asked when the large boat on Harmsen property will be removed? Jason (PCI) explained where in the process removal is at. She also pointed out another parcel with overgrown weeds and trees which has become unsafe due to pest infestations. This has been reported to Township Board and supervisor will discuss with owner. Also asked when new Ordinance copy will be available? Told it will be available digitally and has not yet been thru Township Board though PC has held public hearing (in September).

Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting – Motion by Coupe, Second by Wagner. Carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – Wagner is neighbor to Public Hearing applicants and removed herself to audience for the hearing.

New Business –

**Public Hearing for Andrews, Type II Occupation – Opened a 7:04 pm. Applicant is asking to move Type I Home occupation from residence to accessory building at back of property. This was mentioned to PC when accessory building was approved. Business is architecture. Public Comment opened at 7:05 pm. – No public comment. PC discussion – Coupe asked if applicant will continue to reside in house? Yes
Motion to approve application by Coupe. Second by Meyer. Carried.**

Old Business – none

Reports

Township Board – none

PCI – Next month at PC there will be 3 applications to consider. One for parcel on 34th, another for accessory building. Shed sales on 142nd will get stronger letter as they have not presented necessary paperwork to PCI. Meat store on 142nd – PCI trying to determine if requirements have been met. Mechanic shop on 146th acknowledges mess but has not cleaned up so file started at PCI. Repair shop by pizza place in Burnips looks bad and has overrun onto neighboring lots.

Correspondence – none

Other/Roundtable – corner by Berens was sight hazard and has been mowed. Oosterink noted sumac bush on 144th & 32nd that obstructs line of vision and needs to be trimmed for safety.

Adjournment – Motion by Wagner, second by Berens. Carried. 7:30 pm.