

These are the minutes of the November 2, 2006 Planning Commission Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Shields.

Present: Shields, Parmelee, Myers, Heasley, Oosterink, Coffey, Davis.

Also present Mark Sisson and Bob Jones

Absent: none

Oosterink made a motion to approve the October 5, 2006 & October 26, 2006 minutes as presented, Coffey seconded, motion carried.

Township Board Update:

Earl noted that Jim Pitsch stated again he will send ordinances to the attorney for review whenever he feels it's necessary. The Home Occupation zoning amendments are on the agenda for the County on Monday.

Master Plan Draft. Mark handed out Chapter 5 and also a review of the PDR program with area maps. General discussion revolved around the different options land owners have under this program.

The PC is comfortable with the draft that was presented by Mark. Parmelee made a motion to pass the Master Plan draft on to the Township Board for review, Oosterink seconded, motion carried. Once the Township Board gives their approval, it will be offered for public view as well as sent to the surrounding townships.

Bob and Mark explained to the PC the zoning choices that Watson Township is presently working on whereby two landowners can share development rights and open space even though the properties are not necessarily next to each other. There are deed restrictions set in place and open space is rezoned with limited use. Should Salem Township also consider this type of zoning? General discussion followed about the pros of such zoning.

Bob Jones updated the PC on the Sandy Pines water expansion. The Health Dept. Permit was extended and the drainage permit is still being reviewed. DEQ had a couple minor changes and Max has requested a final approval from them. The Fire Department approved the roads and basically the permits are moving along pretty good. The building permit has not been issued yet.

Update on Rabbit River Farms (Ken Van Rhee) No occupancy permits will be issued

until he gets final approval and pays the invoice with the township.

No further business, Myers made a motion to adjourn, Coffey seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cris Heasley, Secretary
Salem Township Planning Commisison