

**Salem Township Planning commission
Minutes, January 6, 2011**

Called to order – 7:00 pm.

Present – Blakeslee, Oosterink, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Shields (*left early w/o notice), Boyles

Approval of November 11, 2010 Minutes – Moved by Oostertink. Seconded by Myers. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

**Election of Officers for 2011 - for Chairperson, moved by Berens, seconded by Boyle to nominate Myers. Carried. Moved by Blakeslee, no second to nominate Shields. On the vote for Chair person, Myers elected.
For Vice-chairperson, moved by Berens, seconded by Blakeslee to nominate Boyles. Position refused by Boyles. Moved by Boyles, second by Berens to nominate Oosterink for Vice-Chairperson. On the vote for Vice-Chair, Oosterink elected.
For Secretary, moved by Oosterink, second by Boyles to nominate Pitsch. On the vote for Secretary, Pitsch elected.**

Shields announced his intention to submit his resignation from the Planning Commission as of this date and then left the meeting.

For the meeting dates for 2011, as appearing on Township website, it was moved by Oosterink, seconded by Berens to approve. Motion carried

Discussion items were prioritized for future discussion/action on the basis of weighted member vote and are as follows (in order of importance):

- a) Latest rationale and approach for basic regulations on wind energy**
- b) Options and suggested approaches to resolving 'non-conforming' commercial area of Burnips (and New Salem)**
- c) (c and d were tied for 3rd) Create mobile home district regulations**
- d) Rezone Sandy Pines and regulate in the future as "resort/recreation use" under special use permit**
- e) Outdoor woodstove regulation**

A presentation by Mark Sissoms on an innovative type of zoning followed.

Upcoming – Next meeting – February 3, 2011.

Annual Activity Report presented for changes. None noted.

**Adjournment – Moved by Oosterink, seconded by Berens. Carried. 8:43 pm.
K Pitsch, Secretary.**