

**Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes, February 3, 2011**

Called to order – 7:03 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Present – Blakeslee, Oosterink, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Boyles . Absent – Shields

Approval of agenda for 2/3/11 – moved by Pitsch, seconded by Oosterink. Motion carried.

Approval of January 6, 2011 Minutes – Moved by Oostertink. Seconded by Berens. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Township Board update – given by Boyles. Larry Hildebrand new Fire Chief. There are now 2 voting precincts in Salem Township. Renewal for collecting taxes for school.

For the Board/Road Commission, forwarded by Oosterink from citizen on condition of 143rd – lack of plowing as well as sand and salt. Complaint from Pitsch on lack of winter care given 144th from 32nd to 36th.

PC Role on Planning Issues – consensus of members to have planner or PCI at meetings by invitation only in order to facilitate greater participation by PC members. Also consensus to review budget, both projected and past year items.

Budget Process – Chairman Myers presented estimated from the planner (Mark Sissoms) regarding the 4 items prioritized at the January meeting. For Item a – wind energy regulation, the estimate was \$350-450.

For Item b – Burnips/New Salem zoning, the estimate was \$2300 - \$2800.

For Item c, mobile home district regulations, the estimate was \$200 - \$250.

For Item d, Sandy Pines, the estimate was \$750 – \$900.

For Item e, outdoor woodstove regulation, the estimate was \$150 - \$200.

Myers will get outlook from PC members before proceeding to next level on each item. Overall, the Township Board would like to see a budget within next couple of months. Myers will get more input and research numbers.

Leadership on PC – Proposal was made and will be revisited concerning the concept of rotating leadership on the PC yearly, according to seniority in order to encourage fresh outlook and participation.

Planning commission Membership – Member replacement as the need arises by forwarding names to Myers or Township Supervisor.

Other/Roundtable – Jamestown is reviewing their Master Plan.

Adjournment – Moved by Oosterink, seconded by Blakeslee to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Motion carried.

2/4/11

kpitsch