

Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes, March 3, 2011

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

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

Due to absence of chair and vice chair, secretary requested a volunteer to chair meeting. Therefore, Boyles ran meeting.

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

Approval of February 3, 2011 Minutes – Moved by Blakeslee. Seconded by Berens. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Township Board update – given by Boyles. 2010 Budget information given to PC members for background. The Township Board has postponed the Black Creek Drain cleaning to await clarification of costs. A resolution was passed by the Township Board to allow the sale of spirits and mixed drinks. It now goes to the Liquor Commission. New fire department officers were confirmed.

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.

Planning Issue – Downtown Burnips – Motion to table in order to review packet received at meeting. Moved by Berens, second by Blakeslee. Motion carried.

Budget (Continuation) – A brief discussion of the meaning of some of the line items terms, for clarification.

Wind energy issue – No one was able to attend the session at Hopkins last Saturday due to late notification. Members agreed that it seemed there was no enough wind in Salem for large scale operation so maybe just residential possibilities need to be addressed,

Medical marijuana Issue – it was agreed that PC needs to do something but what is not clear. Informational handout taken home for study.

Other/Roundtable – No public comments . From PC members – Concern about lack of library traffic signs (Pitsch). Boyles will check with Library Board. Al Shields has resigned from the PC. Three interested citizens came to the meeting to observe and to give input for comment on joining the PC:

Torance Boerma – Has lived in Township 14 years, currently in SW corner. Works in retail. Likes Salem Township for schools and township character. Has no