

**Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes, October 6, 2011**

Called to order – 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

Present – Boerema, Oosterink, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Boyles. Absent - Wagner

Approval of the agenda for 10/6/11 – moved by Pitsch, seconded by Berens. Motion carried.

Approval of September, 2011 Minutes – moved by Oosterink. Seconded by Boyles. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – None noted.

Township Board Update – given by Boyles. The Board discussed ball diamond backstop and sand volleyball. Overisel has approached Board about improving 48th from 146th to county line. Also getting quotes on 32nd north of 138th. Nothing heard on drain cleaning.

Sandy Pines Site Plan – Final

The only difference between the preliminary and final review is that the Drain Commission issued a letter of approved. Therefore, it was moved by Pitsch, seconded by Oosterink to approve site plan as submitted. Motion carried.

Final Reading of Wind Energy Ordinance –

Has been read by attorney with concerns:

90” height

Blade Arc clearance – at 8’. Bob noted this may be short. Raised to 10’.

Sound – attorney misread at 50 - but it is and will stay 55., the standard.

Tower climbing apparatus – Bob says standard as stated.

Commercial Wind Farms I attorney suggests we add that anything over 90’ must get SUP and formal site plan review. This would allow PC to set standards. Bob prepared this section but will change it in part to require applicant to show land uses and structures within 1000’.

John noted that a word/words may be missing from end of 3B 2. Bob to check original.

Downtown Development Authority - Consensus that PC finds it favorable to have Boyles take to Board. PC wants direction as to whether Board wants it to proceed and if they want PC to function as DDA board. If this is agreeable, then PC will go forward with information gathering.

Other/Roundtable – Training opportunities in Ottawa County – Tory interested.

Kim will forward to ZBA. We could also design our own training and open up to others. Pending what PC will do with DDA.

Adjournment – Moved by Pitsch, seconded by Berens to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Motion carried.

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kpitsch