

Salem Township Planning Commission

Minutes, January 9, 2020

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm.

Roll Call of Members – Present – Boyles, Coupe, Pitsch, Oosterink (acting chairperson), Wagner, Berens, Striegler (alt.) Absent with notice – Myers

Recognition of Visitors – J Pitsch, Township Supervisor

Approval of the December, 2019 Minutes – Motion by Coupe, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public – Supervisor Pitsch inquired about expiration of Parks/Master Plan. It was passed for 5 years in 2016 so goes until 2121. Work on renewal should begin in 2020.

Approval of the Agenda for the meeting – Motion by Boyles, seconded by Coupe. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

New Business – none

Old Business –

Updates on previously reported issues - Progress has been made on junk sites and inoperable vehicle sites but issues continue to be added as with a doublewide on 136th.

Discussion on Solar farming (need for ordinance TBD) – centering around amount of useable sun, best use of land, amount of available land in township and whether utility based solar farms can be regulated if deemed necessary to meet government renewable energy standards. Members will vote to proceed or drop at next meeting.

Correspondence received – none

Reports and Comments

Township Board – 34th N of 140th will be studied by engineer, larger generator installed for Township Hall.

PCI – Members requested that PCI check for renewal of sand mining by Top Grade and Loew mine (on 30th), annual renewal/inspections.

Other/Roundtable – one member commented that road tax is charged by county even on landlocked parcels (no road access). Another member asked about need to incorporate FEMA floodplain maps into zoning – not needed as it is covered by other codes.

NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 6, 2020.

Adjournment – motion by Pitsch, seconded by Berens. Motion carried.

