

**Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes, January 5, 2012**

Called to order – 7:01 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

Present – Wagner, Oosterink, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Boyles, Boerema. Absent – none.

Approval of the agenda for 01/05/12 – moved by Oosterink, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Approval of December, 2011 Minutes – moved by Oosterink. Seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Township Board Update – given by Boyles. The date for the Strategic Planning meeting was selected, March 1, 2012. It was voted to again collect taxes for school districts. Yard clean-up at the property on 139th was displayed. The contract with the Advanced Newspapers was renewed. A turn-around was installed on 34th and 140th as requested by trash pick-up, at a cost of \$1000.00

Reminder – Hearings for the Wind Energy and Solar Energy Ordinance are scheduled for the February meeting date.

Downtown Development authority – update – The resource people will be at the PC meeting on March 1. Based on input the PC will proceed.

Strategic Planning Meeting (March 1) – will cover a review of the Master Plan, DDA questions, Medical Marijuana, and other group/department concerns within the township.

Other/Roundtable - PC needs to give thought early to budget issues. Wagner and Boerema have completed the Citizen Planner Course through MSU. Status within township of Medical MJ – pending actions and changes elsewhere – holding pattern. Adjournment – Moved by Pitsch, seconded by Boerema to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

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