

Salem Township Planning Commission

Minutes, February 2, 2012

Called to order – 7:04, pm. Pledge of Allegiance . Members present – Berens, Boyles, Oostertink, Myers, Pitsch, Boerema, Wagner. Absent – none. Guests – Roger and Ellie Zigmont, Abbigail Noble.

Approval of the agenda – Moved by Oosterink, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the January, 2012 meeting. Moved with correction to date as typed at bottom – by Wagner, seconded by Oostertink. Motion carried.

Inquiry of conflict of interest – none noted.

Township Board update (Boyles) – Board will try using county for 1 year for side of the road mowing due to high maintenance and operating cost of township mower. Current mower will be kept. The Board has arranged for two applications of dust control on dirt roads. Board Supervisor received a grant for funds toward a box culvert at 146th and 26th.

Public Hearing for Wind and Solar Energy ordinance – opened at 7:11 p.m. Myers explained purpose of having ordinance for private and commercial wind energy generators. Public commented (Zigmont) on lack of efficiency and cost ineffectiveness of solar energy. Public (Noble) also commented on health effects.

Moved by Pitsch, second by Berens to close public hearing at 7:18. Carried.

Moved by Boerema, second by Boyles to approve Wind and Solar Energy Ordinances as written.

Motion carried.

Upcoming – ZBA Special Hearing for a variance – march 1, 6:30 pm. This will be followed by PC meeting, including Strategic Planning.

Adjournment – moved by Oosterink, seconded by Boerema to adjourn. Motion carried. 7:36 pm

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