

Minutes

Salem Township Planning commission

March 1, 2012

Called to order 7:02 pm, Pledge of Allegiance. Members present – Myers, Wagner, Boyles, Berens, Oosterink, Boerema, Pitsch.

Approval of the agenda – moved by Oosterink, seconded by Boerema. Motion carried.

Approval of the February, 2012 minutes, with correction of spelling errors (2). Moved by Berens, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none.

Township Board update (Boyles) – transfer station upgrade, packaged liquor for Marathon Station (resolution passed), grant resolution (passed).

Site Plan Review for Bunker Hill – Engineer reviewed amendment to previous site plan with reduced setback in order to angle building, due to drainfield difficulties. Outdoor patio area to be enclosed by glass paneled overhead doors with railing to limit entry/exit. Outside parking updated.

Member Comments – Myers – noted railing will stop traffic flow in/out when doors are up. Better screening and dumpster location closer to kitchen. Exterior will be compatible with existing building, lighting ok per site plan. Oosterink – proposed asphalt – when? To be done during construction, per engineer. PCI list of items covered. Berens – trees in island not practical – block view of 30th, parking spots ok as optional.

Moved by Oosterink to approve site plan as presented contingent upon Drain Commission approval. Seconded by Berens. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning – The township board members were present to discuss the direction and future/vision for Salem Township. Jim Pitsch, Supervisor noted that previous meeting was two years ago. Previous discussion topics were: cemetery expansion, park expansion, Fire Department move, Burnips downtown area, and the Transfer station. Cemetery and park expansion are stalled. Fire Department move is becoming more pressing due to larger equipment creating tighter conditions. The transfer station has a new look, new rules.

It was noted that blight is on the increase in the township. Work and collaboration on both boards is expected to yield updates on the 5 year Review of the Master Plan, update of Park Plan, roads, downtown setbacks, as well as parking and water, and possible DDA. Supervisor Pitsch will continue to pursue grants on behalf of the Township.

Moved to adjourn by Boyles, second by Oosterink. Motion carried, 8:33 p.m.