

Salem Township Planning Commission

Minutes, September 6, 2012

Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 p.m. Members present – Berens, Boerema, Myers, Oosterink, Pitsch, Wagner. Absent with notice – Boyles.

Approval of the Agenda – Moved by Boerema, seconded by Oosterink . Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the August, 2012 meeting - Moved by Pitsch, seconded by Oosterink. Motion carried.

Inquiry of conflict of Interest – none noted.

Township Board update – by Supervisor (J. Pitsch) – The Board has been discussing Master Plan update but has been very involved in drain issues. Supervisor noted that current patrol officer coverage encompasses 6 townships. Supervisor also mentioned that Board is discussing opportunity for role of planning members in other township issues.

Master Plan – Draft – PC members read through Draft and compiled changes and corrections. Wagner volunteers to make changes if word version is emailed to her.

Public Hearing – Location of Accessory Buildings – opened at 8:28 p.m. Myers explained that change in Ordinance was to allow for accessory buildings in front of residences on parcels that allow them to be far enough off the road (250') so as not to affect other people. A question from audience (Eleanor Raab) to clarify meaning. Jim Pitsch noted that previously 500 feet. Need for consistency motivated change. Public hearing closed at 8:37 p.m. No member discussion. Moved to recommend to Township Board as written – by Wagner. Seconded by Boerema. Motion carried.

Agriertainment – tabled.

Public comment – Eleanor Raab voiced concern about removal of rumble strips at 146<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> during recent road construction. Supervisor to address.

Other/Roundtable – none.

Adjournment – Moved by Boerema, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried. 9:10 p.m.

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