

**Salem Township Planning Commission**

**Minutes, March 5, 2020**

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm.**

**Roll Call of Members – Present – Boyles, Berens, Coupe, Myers, Oosterink, Pitsch. Absent with notice – Wagner – Alternate Striegle in for Wagner.**

**Recognition of Visitors – Lori Castillo, PCI has returned from medical absence!**

**Approval of the February, 2020 Minutes – Motion by Coupe, second by Striegle. Motion carried.**

**Comments from the public – none.**

**Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting – Motion by Berens, second by Boyles. Motion carried/.**

**Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.**

**New Business**

**Considerations for 2020**

- 1. Text amendment for food prep, home occupation – not needed but not listed. Permitted as Type**
- 2. To clarify, public hearing set for April meeting on amendment.**
- 2. Wedding Barn Ordinance – remain as is but give closer consideration on case by case basis regarding requests in the future**
- 3. New Salem Zoning – VR suggested but R-2 may be a better solution in order to avoid need for buffer and not give the appearance of encouraging growth. Public hearing on change set for April meeting.**
- 4. Tractor pulls on 144<sup>th</sup> – will wait for request to act on this topic.**

**Old Business**

**Previous and pending issues – Top Grade has submitted application for renewal. Other issues still pending.**

**Solar Farming – Sample ordinance received from Prairieville for study, suggestions, and edition.**

**Correspondence received – none**

**Reports and Comments**

**Township Board – all items postponed**

**PCI – none**

**Other/Roundtable –**

**One member expressed concern about the need for a noise/blight ordinance due to neighborhood issues. Neighbor renting out rooms – short term. Not allowed by plat agreement. No rental ordinance currently addresses this. Recourse with original developer.**

**Next Meeting – April 2, 2020**

**Adjournment – Motion by Oosterink, seconded by Coupe. Motion carried. 8:05 pm**