

**Salem Township Planning commission  
Minutes, January 6, 2011**

**Called to order – 7:00 pm.**

**Present – Blakeslee, Oosterink, Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Shields (\*left early w/o notice), Boyles**

**Approval of November 11, 2010 Minutes – Moved by Oostertink. Seconded by Myers. Motion carried.**

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

**Election of Officers for 2011 - for Chairperson, moved by Berens, seconded by Boyle to nominate Myers. Carried. Moved by Blakeslee, no second to nominate Shields. On the vote for Chair person, Myers elected.**

**For Vice-chairperson, moved by Berens, seconded by Blakeslee to nominate Boyles. Position refused by Boyles. Moved by Boyles, second by Berens to nominate Oosterink for Vice-Chairperson. On the vote for Vice-Chair, Oosterink elected. For Secretary, moved by Oosterink, second by Boyles to nominate Pitsch. On the vote for Secretary, Pitsch elected.**

**Shields announced his intention to submit his resignation from the Planning Commission as of this date and then left the meeting.**

**For the meeting dates for 2011, as appearing on Township website, it was moved by Oosterink, seconded by Berens to approve. Motion carried**

**Discussion items were prioritized for future discussion/action on the basis of weighted member vote and are as follows (in order of importance):**

- a) Latest rationale and approach for basic regulations on wind energy**
- b) Options and suggested approaches to resolving 'non-conforming' commercial area of Burnips (and New Salem)**
- c) (c and d were tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>) Create mobile home district regulations**
- d) Rezone Sandy Pines and regulate in the future as “resort/recreation use” under special use permit**
- e) Outdoor woodstove regulation**

**A presentation by Mark Sissoms on an innovative type of zoning followed.**

**Upcoming – Next meeting – February 3, 2011.**

**Annual Activity Report presented for changes. None noted.**

**Adjournment – Moved by Oosterink, seconded by Berens. Carried. 8:43 pm.  
K Pitsch, Secretary.**