

**Salem Township Planning Commission
Minutes, April 14, 2011**

Call to order: 7 pm. Members present – Pitsch, Myers, Berens, Boyle, Wagner, Broerma, Oosterink.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome new members – Lynette Wagner and Tory Broerma.

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

Approval of the March, 2011 minutes – moved by Boyles, seconded by Pitsch. Motion carried.

Inquiry of conflict of interest – none noted.

Township Board update – by Boyles. Cable installation for west side of township pending. Some roadwork (paving to be done). Wolverine Power Right of Way update.

Site Plan Review – Bunker Hill – Introduced by Cal Visser (engineer) and need for variance in parking places noted. Also practical difficulty in meeting landscape (tree) needs along the front due to road right of way but members felt that the requirement would impeded line of vision and not be desirable as required... Fostering requested an elevation view of the island between gas station and restaurant. Putsch mentioned that ordinance encourages the idea that parking spaces in the “vicinity” of a site be counted which would allow counting those shared with and at Marathon station. This would then meet parking standard. There was a motion to approve the site plan for Bunker Hill Sports Bar and Grill contingent upon approval of drain commission, painting of lines to mark parking spaces at gas station, Health Department approval, and submission of final drawings to PCI.

Moved by Fostering, seconded by Boyles. Motion carried.

Budget discussion – in keeping with PC intent to be more active and use planner less, there will be more training but as a result of less planner time, this will be a savings. Numbers will be discussed again at next meeting.

Wind Energy – There was general discussion – sample ordinances will be given to members for study at next meeting.

Medical Marijuana – Township attorney sent sample ordinance – given to members for study in order to discuss at next month’s meeting.

Other – packets for upcoming SUP Hearings given to members for review. New Ordinance books with all updates requested for all members and office. Black Creek Drain public meeting is next week. New sporting goods/hunting store in Burnips – currently has DEQ approval to keep tanks (old, gas) in ground.

Adjournment – moved by Oosterink. second by Berens, Motion carried. 8:23 pm.

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