

SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING

April 16, 2014

Members Present:

Mike Coats
Drew Moessner
Kit Vreeman
Eric DeCook
Teresa Carstensen (alternate for Jim Stannard)
Greg Larsen
Kate Herness (alternate)
Brian Connelly

Members Absent:

Jim Stannard

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Mike Coats.

Secretary's Report

Greg Larsen moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting. Eric DeCook seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit Reviews

None

Review Ordinances Changes

Review Final Draft

Kate Herness brought her report on what she found out about swimming pool security in relation to our ordinance. She had asked pool company owners, insurance people and other township members and the feeling was we should leave the fence around pools in a residential district as it is. Most people feel that a fence and security cover would be better.

Mike had checked with Roger Ihrke about this and his opinion was the same.

Set date for public hearing

Mike explained the process to move forward with the ordinance changes. The next step is to have a public hearing with time for public comment on any changes. Kit Vreeman made a motion to have the public hearing as part of the next P&Z meeting on May 21, 2014. Teresa Carstensen seconded. The vote was unanimous to set that date for the public hearing and it will be held after the regular business is concluded.

The committee agreed to have TCPA publish this public hearing. The committee also agreed to send post cards to all the residents of the township even though the rules state it only needs to be placed on the sign out front and published in the paper. The committee felt that any effort to be transparent and open with the residents is an important part of township business.

There will be copies of the ordinances available through Sharon Petersen to be checked out for review. There will also be a copy at TCPA.

Upcoming Reviews

May

Milestone Materials-Donavan Family Farm

Brian reminded the committee that we had asked Dustin of Salem Glen Winery for a well test and well certificate to be placed on file since the original CUP had some stipulations about drinking water. Kit volunteered to contact Dustin to make sure these are received.

Greg Larsen motioned to adjourn and Eric DeCook seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Coats
Chair

Drew Moessner
Secretary