

**Saline Township Planning Commission
Public Hearing, July 6, 2010**

Members Present:

Neil Bohnett, Trudy Feldkamp, Gary Luckhardt, Chuck Rankin,
Richard Zahn

Members Absent:

Laurie Leinbach, Robert Prehn

Others Present:

Jim Marion, Don Pennington, Mr. Clink

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm., Chuck Rankin presiding.

Roll was taken; quorum established.

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Luckhardt.

Approval of Agenda, July 6, 2010: Motion by Bohnett to approve as presented, support by Zahn; vote; agenda approved unanimously.

Announcements

1. Board Meeting. J. Marion reporting.
 - Mr. Clink presentation.
 - Frank Chrzanowski, candidate for State Representative, attended.
 - Washtenaw Road Commission regarding asphalt.
 - Gravel pit inspections due in the Fall. Review of special use permits. Dan Cabage discussed at June 1 Planning Commission meeting.
 - R. Marion is keeping an eye on the Feitel property.
 - J. Gordon reported that the Township has extra funds; suggested purchasing property around the Township Hall to use for additional parking.

Open of Public Hearing, 7:15 p.m.

Doug Lewan, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, planner, works also with the City of Saline. Areas of the ordinance that need to be updated.

1. Outside storage. Ordinance table of uses, referenced §5.504. Has talked with Fred Lucas, attorney, about all the items for tonight's meeting. Mr. Lucas agreed this section would cover the landscaping business issue (Clink property). Rankin, what do other townships do? Lewan – all over the map on this. Question regarding screening and buffering. There is a minimum standard listed in §5.504.1.

Motion by Rankin, support by Zahn, to approve adding a special use

designation in A-1 zone on table in §4.02 "Outdoor Storage, General". Roll Call vote: Bohnett - y, Feldkamp - y, Luckhardt - y, Zahn - y, Rankin - y. Unanimous in favor of motion, motion passed. Rankin stated that when he spoke with L. Leinbach, she also indicated her support for this motion.

2. Home Occupation. Rankin would like all members of the Planning Commission present for this discussion. Matter tabled to next meeting.

3. Blight Regulation. Question was brought up for abandoned/derelict buildings. This topic was discussed at a recent Fire Board meeting. Fire Chief Hoeft will have additional information at the next Fire Board meeting.

4. Land Divisions. Agricultural district is different from the norm. Discussed sliding scale history. Other ways to do this? Scio Township has an ordinance that limits density. Saline Township's ordinance has been defended in court and is based on the State Land Division Act. A copy of the act would be helpful. Lewan stated that he could get a copy.

Mr. Clink had a greenhouse question. The asphalt recycling/grinding, retention ponds, will be referred to the County Drain Commission.

Rankin made motion to table the Home Occupation Standards, the Blight Regulations and the Land Division Standards to the next Planning Commission meeting (August 3, 2010); Luckhardt support; vote; unanimous in favor; motion passed.

Rankin closed public hearing.

Prehn was to meet with Pennington regarding the Master Plan updates. Will add to August meeting agenda.

Bohnett moved for adjournment, Zahn support; vote; meeting adjourned, 8:05 p.m. Next regular meeting is August 3, 2010, 7:30 pm.

Trudy Feldkamp
Saline Township Planning Commission, Secretary