

**Saline Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting, April 5, 2011**

Members Present:

Neil Bohnett, Trudy Feldkamp, Laurie Leinbach, Gary Luckhardt,
Robert Prehn, Chuck Rankin, Richard Zahn

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Jim Marion, Doug Lewan

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm., Chuck Rankin presiding.

Roll was taken; quorum established.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Luckhardt.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 7, 2010: Motion by Prehn; support by Zahn; vote; minutes approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda, April 5, 2011: Motion by Bohnett to approve as presented, support by Prehn; vote; agenda approved unanimously.

Announcements

Public Hearing for Home Occupation needs to be rescheduled.

Call to the Public

None

New Business

- A. Items from the Board.
1. Oak Hill Cemetery clean-up, April 16, 9 am.
 2. Township clean-up on May 14.
 3. Master Plan Public Hearing for City of Saline on April 13, 7:30 pm. Plan is on the City's website.
 4. County Road Commission will attend the next Board meeting (April).
 5. Prehn attended the Michigan State Police meeting at the Ypsilanti post. That post will be closed, crime level in this area too low.
 6. Township budget was approved, approximately \$400,000.
 7. Partnership with the County to replace the Feldkamp Road bridge; share portion is \$27,000 for the next 3 years. Proposal will be submitted by the County in May or June, expect a response by October or November.
 8. County has been plowing snow in Oak Park, phase 3, and should not have been. Now they will plow to the edge. There is no home owners association; Mr. Chie is doing.
 9. Bids for grass cutting were due April 1.

10. Prehn has contacted Don Pennington regarding the Master Plan update. Prehn has received the final version and is reviewing it for all the corrections/updates.
11. Prehn attended the York Township meeting regarding the Braun Brothers issue.
12. A woman attended the last Board meeting and wants an ordinance for aggressive dogs. We have no animal control officer. Board is discussing.

- B. Other
None

Old Business

- A. Ordinances.

1. Home Occupation. Doug Lewan has incorporated the changes discussed in December. Is nuisance an appropriate term? Is a valid legal term and will be left in. Doug will resend the updated version to Rankin and Feldkamp. Public Hearing will be on May 3, 7:30 pm.
2. Blight. Robert Marion reviewed and all looks fine.

Motion by Bohnett to approve and recommend the Board approve the blight regulations; Leinbach support. Discussion. How to enforce? Civil infraction or misdemeanor? Misdemeanor is a criminal offence; civil infraction is similar to a traffic ticket. R. Marion and Lucas (attorney) will discuss best option for Saline Township. This will be a stand-alone ordinance. Tabled until May 3 meeting.

3. Land Division. Rankin and R. Marion have discussed, would like to follow state guidelines. Will complete at May 3 meeting.

- B. Clink followup.

Items have been moved to rear of property; new lean-to/shed has been erected. Appears cleaner. Suggest sending letter for progress on clean-up. Contact Dan Cabage as to what is needed. J. Marion will contact and discuss after the Township Board meeting on April 11. Planning Commission needs an update on the progress. Add to June 7 agenda. Draft letter and send to Lewan to review.

- C. Master Plan Update. – Discussed earlier

- D. Other.

Pantera pit, size of pond?

Public Comments

None

Bohnett moved for adjournment, Zahn support; vote; meeting adjourned, 8:30 p.m. Next Regular Meeting on June 7, 2011, 7:30 p.m. Public Hearing for Ordinance updates (Home Occupation) will be on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Trudy Feldkamp
Saline Township Planning Commission, Secretary