

**Saline Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting, June 5, 2012**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Robert Marion, Dan Cabage, 4 others

*Meeting* was called to order at 7:30 pm., Charles Rankin presiding.

*Roll* was taken; quorum established.

*Pledge of Allegiance* led by Luckhardt.

*Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 3, 2012:* Motion by Zahn; support by Bohnett; vote; minutes approved unanimously.

*Approval of Agenda, June 5, 2012:* Motion by Prehn to approve as presented, support by Zahn; vote; agenda approved unanimously.

**Announcements**

None

**Call to the Public**

Carl Girbach, re: Home Occupation, what is the difference between the two categories? #2, Section 5.608, may not exceed 1,000 square feet and expansion requires a Special Land Use permit.

Prehn, if permit initially granted, holder would return to Planning Commission for expansion. Need to include square footage details in request.

Mr. Girbach, would like us to use something like Roberts Rules. His hearing was three years ago and felt that it was disorganized. Chair needs to control meeting. Further discussion. He stated that he never received a letter of denial from the Planning Commission. Further discussion.

If he wishes to resubmit his application, he would need to pay the \$500 fee. Need to check is letter was sent. Rankin will follow up with Doug Lewan for guidance.

**New Business**

A. Items from the Board.

1. DTE representative attended May meeting regarding new meters, their purpose and accurate tracking. Concerns about "RF" should contact DTE. It takes 10-15 minutes to install the meter attachment.

2. Cemetery ordinance tabled until June meeting.

3. Road Commission, brine and drain matching funds.

4. River Ridge has formed a home owners association.
5. Two citizens concerned about Paxton Oil operations in the Township. They were advised that the Township has no control over oil companies (mineral rights). Only thing the Township can do is to receive monies for damaged roads.
6. Liquor license.
7. Neil Bohnett and Robert Prehn have been reappointed to the Planning Commission; Eugene Heusel and James Laramie reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

B. Master Plan.

Board passed the Plan in 2009; Doug Lewan checked with Kelly. We can have copies run for everyone or can have the disc and run copies as needed. The Master Plan is in effect.

C. Any Other.

None.

**Old Business**

A. Clink Special Use Permit Request

Site visit was conducted by Rankin, Robert Marion and Dan Cabage. Cabage discussed the improvements that have been done. The crushed concrete has been removed. Ditching, the west side has been regarded, working on the east side. Shared use drive is completed. County has checked soil erosion. Rankin has talked with Doug Lewan, the permits from the Michigan DEQ and MDOT have been received.

Mr. Clink commented that he is trying to do as much at a time as possible. Phase 3, may leave as a ditch if it is sufficient; floor plans are yet to be done, will add elevation notations; fire chief has reviewed plans; landscape issues were discussed; fixture height on lighting detain plan and in verbiage 20-25 feet; what is in the display area on page 2 of narrative.

Cabage: more check dams have been installed than were discussed.

Clink: getting ready for seeding; is County specifications sufficient. Inquired about status of escrow account; contact Judy Gordon (Township treasurer).

Rankin: Has done a good job; cleaner site; dumpster is behind a 10 foot wall, doesn't need a full enclosure; east side barrier walls, 80% is natural vegetation; near the house, Mr. Clink plans to dig a swale with three trees and grass; retaining pond in rear of property will be used for irrigation; has done everything as requested.

Kevin Clink has met all conditions for Special Land Use Permit.

B. Other

None.

**Public Comments**

None

Zahn moved for adjournment, Bohnett support; vote; meeting adjourned, 9:20 p.m. Next Regular Meeting on August 7, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Trudy Feldkamp  
Saline Township Planning Commission, Secretary