

**Saline Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting, June 7, 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, Dan Cabage

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm., Charles Rankin presiding.

Roll was taken; quorum established.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Luckhardt.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 5, 2011: Motion by Zahn; support by Bohnett; vote; minutes approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda, June 7, 2011: Motion by Bohnett to approve as presented, support by Prehn; vote; agenda approved unanimously.

Announcements

- 1) Prehn and Luckhardt attended meeting at City of Saline. Planning items.
- 2) Memo from Lucas dated April 5, 2011, regarding establishing a planning commission, approved by Board. Distributed for Planning Commission information only. D. Lewan explained why it was necessary (Section 81 of 2008 Planning Enabling Act).

Call to the Public

Fans in the township hall would be appreciated for meetings and elections occurring during warmer weather. J. Marion will mention to the Board and their next meeting.

Public Hearing.

Called to order 7:45 pm, to discuss Home Occupation, section 5.204 in Zoning Ordinance. Discussion. "Nuisance" is a legal term, will be left in the verbiage. Copy of the new version will be sent to all Planning Commission members.

Motion to accept Home Occupancy ordinance section 5.204 as presented, Bohnett. Zahn support. Roll call vote: Bohnett-Y, Feldkamp-Y, Leinbach-Y, Luckhardt-Y, Prehn-Y, Zahn-Y, Rankin-Y. Unanimous in favor of motion; passed.

Prehn moved to close public hearing; Leinbach support; vote unanimous to close public hearing. Hearing portion closed at 8:05 pm.

The Blight Ordinance will be next. Lucas has added section 3,

Enforcement. It is a stand-alone ordinance. Motion by Prehn to recommend to the Township Board to approve this ordinance as presented; support by Zahn, unanimous voice vote.

Land Division ordinance update. New version would be according to State law; date of determining parent parcels is September 1, 1997. Updated version of proposed ordinance distributed. Discussion. Public hearing will be August 2, 7:30 pm. Publicize in Saline Reporter July 7 (July 14 at the latest).

New Business

- A. Items from the Board.
 - 1. County Road Commission report. Will have two brine applications. Feldkamp Road bridge, County indicated more than \$27,000; Prehn challenged; working on updating figures.
 - 2. Prehn has contacted Don Pennington regarding the Master Plan update. New books? Prehn will follow-up.
 - 3. Citizen in Oak Park Estates would like the Township to have a grass ordinance. Prehn explained that it is difficult to enforce. Suggested forming a home-owners association.
 - 4. Lucas will be attending the Board meeting on Monday, June 13.
 - 5. Grass cutting contract was awarded to David Hammond.

- B. Niethammer Pit.

Pond is oversize; needs to go to the DEQ for approval. Dan Cabage will send a letter.

Old Business

- A. Ordinances.

Discussed earlier.

- B. Clink followup.

Rankin spoke with Dan Cabage and also visited the site. There is evidence that tiles are being worked on. It was decided that land borings would be insufficient, digging test holes would be better to see in the hole and would be able to smell any odors. Will have Lucas send a letter to Mr. Clink. He is now selling shrubs, etc and landscaping trucks.

Cabage sent memo to Rankin re: site visit. Will resend to Feldkamp for files.

Clink will be requested to attend the August Planning Commission meeting to discuss the issues with his site.

Public Comments

None

Bohnett moved for adjournment, Leinbach support; vote; meeting adjourned, 8:40 p.m. Next Regular Meeting on August 2, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Trudy Feldkamp

Saline Township Planning Commission, Secretary