

## **Saline Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting, October 4, 2011**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Jim Marion, Robert Marion, Judy Gordon, Doug Lewan, Todd  
Campbell, Ronald Raub, Pete Morris, Mike Callegari

*Meeting* was called to order at 7:32 pm., Charles Rankin presiding.

*Roll* was taken; quorum established.

*Pledge of Allegiance* led by Luckhardt.

*Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 2, 2011:* Motion by Prehn; support by Bohnett; vote; minutes approved unanimously.

*Approval of Agenda, October 4, 2011:* Motion by Prehn to approve as presented, support by Leinbach; vote; agenda approved unanimously.

**Announcements**

- 1) Rankin has tried to contact Don Pennington regarding the Master Plan. There has been no response. Rankin will continue to try to contact Mr. Pennington.
- 2) From the Board, the Township will opt out of The Ride proposal.
- 3) Prehn attended the York Township board meeting in September. They are considering a firearms ordinance. There were many people in attendance and a good discussion. The ordinance under consideration was turned down.
- 4) Review of wind turbine portion of ordinance. We may need to make some changes.

**Call to the Public**

1) Pete Morris, 4767 Austin Road, is a neighbor of Carl Girbach. He stated that Mr. Girbach is running an illegal car repair service. R. Marion, J. Marion and Rankin stated that whenever they have checked, Mr. Girbach has owned the vehicle that is being serviced. The Township lawyer would like to know what activity is happening. Mr. Morris has noticed a gentleman that does not live there, doing work daily, keeping regular hours. There are also deliveries quite often. Mr. Morris believes that the gentleman is an employee. Mr. Girbach was on vacation, but the man still came every day. J. Marion will contact the Township's attorney.

Additional comment from Mr. Morris. He had a visitor that mentioned the noise coming from Mr. Girbach's shed.

Prehn has visited the site. At the time, Mr. Girbach had the title for

all the vehicles on site.

2) Roads were discussed. The County is planning additional grading. Snow removal questions; if there is an area that drifts, a call can be made to the County for their attention. Limestone will be added to some roads where needed.

### **New Business**

- A. Items from the Board.  
Items discussed during Public Comments.
  
- B. Presentation by Doug Lewan and Todd Campbell (City of Saline) about the Saline Sustainability Circle work. Discussion about the advantages of regional planning and the townships and the City of Saline working together on planning.

### **Old Business**

- A. Clink Special Use Permit Request  
Rankin has been corresponding with J. Marion, R. Marion, Dan Cabage and Doug Lewan. Mr. Clink submitted lists of inspections, but no detail as to what was inspected. Lewan distributed a form for our next step that included items needed for approval of permit request or tabling request with requested information. Mr. Clink was aware of the meeting. Zahn believes we have dealt with this long enough. Many items from Lewan's memo of 2010 are still unaddressed. Leinbach said the property still looks a mess. Bohnett stated that he believes the requested borings have not been completed. Feldkamp stated that the property looks worse than before, Mr. Clink has not complied with the Township's requests and not working with the Township. Luckhardt agreed with everyone's comments.

Rankin received a call on Sunday (October 2) from Mr. Clink, who stated that he did not know what we needed from him. The list from Cabage in 2010 was itemized.

Lewan stated that a Special Land Use permit request was submitted. Once the application is denied, then the business will be in violation. Prehn – Any long term litigation? J. Marion stated that he thinks the property looks better than in the past and that Mr. Clink did agree to dig test holes, but has not done so. Prehn – Give him one more chance to give a progress report. The next Planning Commission meeting to be his last opportunity. Leinbach – Does anyone have knowledge of a personal issue that may be preventing his reply? Lewan – Litigation reduces the Township's control; control goes to the attorneys. What's another two months?

Prehn: Motion to table the Special Land Use request, Clink Nursery, to allow the applicant to respond to the comments discussed tonight by the Planning Commission, including the following:

1. Appearance at the December 6, 2011, Saline Township Planning Commission meeting;
2. Lucas letter dated August 6, 2010;
3. Lewan document dated August 30, 2010;
4. Cabage letter dated July 6, 2011.

Motion supported by Bohnett. Vote: Bohnett-y, Feldkamp-y, Leinbach-y, Luckhardt-y, Prehn-y, Zahn-y, Rankin-n; motion passed.

- B. Other  
None.

**Public Comments**

None

Bohnett moved for adjournment, Zahn support; vote; meeting adjourned, 9:22 p.m. Next Regular Meeting on December 6, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Trudy Feldkamp  
Saline Township Planning Commission, Secretary