

Saline Township Planning Commission
Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
September 10, 2008

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Don Pennington, Rodney Nanney, Jim Marion, Robert Marion, Gary Roubal, approximately 5 others.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Roll was taken; quorum established.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

Introduction of Gary Roubal, City of Saline, City Engineer; and Todd Campbell, City of Saline, City Manager.

There will be a meeting with the City of Saline Planning Commission on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Prehn attended the June meeting of City Planning Commission

Public Comments:

Gary Roubal, April 21, 2008 memo question.

Jim Marion question re: Lori Elcott (appraiser). Todd Campbell answered.

Approval of Minutes, June 4, 2008: motion by Bohnett, supported by Leinbach; vote unanimous to approve.

Approval of Agenda September 10, 2008: motion by Rankin to approve agenda, supported by Leinbach; vote unanimous to approve.

New Business:

A. *Items from the Board*

August meeting

- Repairs to Union Cemetary.
- Recycling bins have been moved slightly; seems to be an improvement.
- Received check from the City of Saline for the Hunnington Woods 425 agreement.
- Feldkamp Bridge discussion.
- Township Hall manager is planning to retire
September meeting.
- Corn maze, same as last year.
- Road millage; Board will create a committee to determine where to spend funds.
- Fence at the manufactured homes needs maintainance.
- Feldkamp Road bridge; looking at temporary fix, MDOT needs to be contacted and the bridge reviewed before progressing further. Proposal needs to be submitted by October 1st. The bridge is currently at the top of the priority list. Thought is to open the bridge to local traffic only sometime this fall.

- Civil infractions; whether to issue tickets. Need to discuss with Township Attorney Lucas. He will attend the Board meeting scheduled for October 13.

B. *Jacobson Special Use Permit Application refund.*

Prehn read letter from applicant dated June 12, 2008, withdrawing the application. This was prior to any work being done or contracted by the Township. Discussion. What was done for the Girbach application (same situation, application withdrawn prior to any work being done on the application)? Motion by Rankin to recommend to Board full refund to Taylor and Charlene Jacobson; Zahn support; vote: Bohnett-Y; Feldkamp-Y; Leinbach-Y; Luckhardt-Y; Rankin-Y; Zahn-Y; Prehn-Y;

motion passed unanimously. Prehn will send letter to the Board.

C. Other.

- Prehn received a call from a realtor about rezoning a house to R-2 on Macon Road. Prehn and Robert Marion discussed the situation with the realtor and explained the rezoning process in the Township.
- General Election is coming up. Prehn will be running unopposed for Trustee position currently held by Bohnett. Therefore, he cannot remain as chair of Planning Commission once elected. He does plan to remain on the Commission as the Board representative. We will need to think about whom should serve as chair. Should take care of the position in October.

Old Business:

- A. General Development Plan.** Don Pennington opening remarks. Regarding the properties adjoining the City of Saline, it would be advisable to work with the City. Meeting with the City is continuing the process. Prehn suggests a meeting between the Planning Commission and the Township Board. Jim Marion suggests waiting for the outcome of the meeting with the City on September 24th. How are we going to manage the plan? Would like to have the Board and Planning Commission make decisions together.

Jim Haeussler was invited to give a developer's insight. We need to define terms. The Plan is adaptable, but we need to define what is not negotiable. Not all issues will be resolved in the meeting with the City. The Plan indicating higher density fulfills our obligation to the State. The City may suggest a joint committee (members from City Council, Township Board, and both planning commissions). State law gives flexibility. 425 is for one project. This is a good opportunity for the City and the Township to work together. All information needed will be distributed at the meeting.

- B. Any Other.** None.

Public Comments:

None

Bohnett moved for adjournment, Luckhardt support; meeting adjourned, 8:35 p.m. Next regular meeting is October 1, 2008, 7:30 pm.

Trudy Feldkamp
Saline Township Planning Commission, Secretary