

**Saline Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting, December 12, 2007**

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None.

Others Present:

Jim Marion, Don Pennington, Rodney Nanney, Dan Cabage, approximately 10 others.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll was taken; quorum established.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rankin.

Approval of Minutes, November 14, 2007: motion by Bohnett, supported by Rankin; vote unanimous to approve.

Approval of Agenda, December 12, 2007: motion by Bohnett to approve amended agenda, supported by Luckhardt; vote unanimous to approve.

Announcements:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

New Business:

A. Items from the Board

1. Reappointments: Rankin and Luckhardt have agreed to serve another term for the Planning Commission; Richard Zahn and Judy Gordon for the Zoning Board of Appeals.
2. Light for intersection of Marion Road and Michigan Avenue. New pavement makes the corner very dark. State DOT will be contacted.
3. Bylaws for Planning Commission will be reviewed. Versions provided by Don Pennington and Fred Lucas.
4. Weisenreder PA116 application has been approved.

5. Development Rights still to be reviewed.
 6. Dan Cabage provided gravel pit updates.
 7. Request the Planning Commission to change their meeting date. Board would like the Planning Commission to meet before the Board each month. Discussion regarding the change. If it is changed we have 10 days to publish the meeting dates on the door and once in the Saline Reporter. Rankin moved to have Planning Commission meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Prehn support; vote unanimous in favor of motion. The new meeting date will be effective on January 2, 2008. The schedule of meetings will be posted on the door of the Township Hall and also will be included with the tax notices.
 8. Board of Review times in March were adjusted (Monday, March 10, 3-9 p.m.; Tuesday, March 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).
- B. Planning Commission By-Laws. One version was distributed by Don Pennington and also a version received from Fred Lucas. Discussion. Both are very similar. The Commission would like to take time to review both documents. Leinbach moved to table the issue until the January 2, 2008 meeting; Bohnett support; vote unanimous in favor of the motion.
- C. Pit Report, Dan Cabage. Visuals were distributed and explained.

Marion Pit: encroached on setback. Cabage will notify operator. Reviewed a letter sent. Restoration needs to be done in areas; need to double-check letter of credit. Prehn: does DEQ ever do a walk through? Cabage: only if a complaint.

Feldkamp Road Pit: in compliance, reviewed letter. Ordinance calls for fencing, should be erected. Access on US12, should not go through residence; discussion.

Old Business:

1. General Land Use Development Plan discussion. Pennington and Nanney have met with City of Saline to discuss 425 agreement. Will effect plan. Will bring new version back in January. May need to add paragraphs to plan.
2. Zoning Ordinance discussion. Nanney presented draft motion that covers December 5 meeting issues. Question: does the General Land Use Development Plan need to be approved before the Zoning Ordinance? Nanney: not needed yet; just recognize that the two documents are closely tied together. Motion by Leinbach, read resolution as printed (attached); support by

Rankin. Roll call vote: Bohnett-Y, Feldkamp-Y, Leinbach-Y, Luckhardt-Y, Prehn-Y, Rankin-Y, Zahn-Y; unanimous in favor of motion

Public Comments:

Supervisor Marion: there will be no special meeting of the Board regarding the Zoning Ordinance. Board will add to January 14 agenda. Also, the State Police representative attended the December 10 meeting, no significant issues to report.

Bohnett moved for adjournment, Rankin support; meeting adjourned, 8:30 p.m. Next regular meeting is January 2, 2008, 7:30 pm.

Trudy Feldkamp
Saline Township Planning Commission, Secretary