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Minutes – May 14, 2020

Members Present: Mike Schwehr, Jeff Bopp, Jeff Erickson, Scott Legge, Shawn Olauson, Dave Carlsrud, Bill Carlblom, Vern Roorda

Also, Present: Jessica Jenrich, Tonya Duffy, Jeff Johnson, Brad Johnson

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Schwehr

Motion by Carlblom, 2nd by Erickson to approve April 9, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for the Hearing for Barnes County to do some changes to the Commercial Feedlot ordinance. One person had called Carlblom stating they would like to see the words “Ag Waste Systems” in there at the April meeting and Jenrich spoke to her contact at the state and they stated that “Ag Waste Systems” can be put in the definition for Animal Feeding Operation. No one appeared to protest. Chrman Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Carlblom, 2nd by Bopp, to approve the changes presented. Motion carried upon roll call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Meeting recessed for the Hearing for Allen Marler for a Tree Variance setback of 80’ from the center of County Highway 10. The reason this variance was denied in September was that Kerry Johnson wasn’t sure if the board should pass it due to snow issues, Allen and Kerry met this winter to look at snow to see if there was any issues and Kerry was fine with the variance and did sign off the variance form. No one appeared to protest. Chrman Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Carlsrud, 2nd by Roorda to approve the variance for tree setback of 80’ from the center of County Highway 10. Motion carried upon roll call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Meeting recessed for the Hearing for Thomas Johnson for Structure Variance setback of 160’ from the center of County Road 7. Jenrich stated that the grain bin would be back further back then a grain bin to the north and the farmhouse to the south. No one appeared to protest. Chrman Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Bopp, 2nd by Erickson to approve the variance for structure setback of 160’ from the center of County Road 7. Motion carried upon roll call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Meeting recessed for the Hearing for Brad Johnson for a Structure Setback Variance of 5’ from the North property line Lot 1 Lee’s Subdivision. Jenrich did have a couple people call they were both fine with the variance, one of them did mention that is a section line and was just curious if that would be an issue. The board did state that should have been discussed when the subdivision was plated. Jeff Johnson was on the meeting call and stated he has no issue with what Brad wants to do. Carlblom would like to see some sort of disclaimer stating the county is not responsible after

this is approved for any damages or issues if something happens after the project is finished. Also it was brought up since to the north it is a wildlife refuge that people can hunt on would there be any issues with the house being so close to the property line. Jenrich stated she would contact someone to get that approval before the commission meeting. No one else appeared to protest. Chrman Schwehr reopened the meeting for discussion. Motion by Legge, 2nd by Carlblom to approve the variance contingent on approval by the wildlife and also for a disclaimer to be written up stating county is not liable if anything happens to the property after this is passed since there is hill sliding issues out there.

BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW

Thomas Johnson – Grain Bin – SE1/4, 26-138-61, Meadow Lake Twp
Barnes County Wildlife – Picnic Shelter – Moon Lake Access, 17-139-59, Green Twp
Brandon Lettenmaier – Home Addition – 12 acres of SW1/4, 11-140-60, Potter Twp
Mike Migler – Deck – Lot 3 Blk 2 Homestead Subdivision, 24-143-58, SibleyTrail Twp
Dwight Grotberg – Home/Garage – SW1/4, 04-141-61, Brimer Twp
Robert Pfeifer – Dakota Home – Lot 9 Blk 1 Homestead Subdivision, 13-143-58, SibleyTrail Twp
Alex Bitz – Garage - .112 tract NW1/4 at Jewetts Beach, 22-142-58, Ashtabula Twp
Kevin Loibl – Steel Roof over patio – Lot 5 Blk 2 Ashtabula Lookout Sub, 32-142-58, Ashtabula Twp
The Arthur Companies – Shop – SE1/4, 17-143-56, Ellsbury Twp
Joseph Bata – Garage – Aud Lt 1 SE1/4 less .46A R/W, 06-139-56, Springvale Twp

There was a preliminary subdivision discussion for the replat of Veteran's subdivision. Jenrich explained that there is going to be two more people added to the plat that needs to sign off before going to a hearing next month, the reason is that they own the E1/2 of lot 7 and the E1/2 of lot 8 which was done before these were split so they need to sign off also since part of their lot may be used for the access road. Bopp stated he believes there is already people putting things on some of the lots, Jenrich will go out and take a look on Friday.

Jenrich was asked the status of the grain bins on the state highway. She stated she has not heard back from the state yet on what they are going to be doing as far as any fines. Duffy and the board stated they would like Jenrich to keep on asking at least once a week to see if we get a response.

Carlblom brought up that he believes Jenrich should start driving out to check on some of these projects to make sure that we don't run into the issue like the grain bins. A couple board members believe that there needs to be something done so Jenrich knows when people start the project so she can start checking on it. Jenrich stated she will try to come up with some sort of disclaimer either on building permit app or on the building permit certificate that states that the property owner needs to contact Jenrich if the project is delayed or when the project starts.

Motion by Carlblom, seconded by Roorda to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Jessica Jenrich, P&Z Administrator