

BARNES COUNTY – PLANNING AND ZONING

Minutes – May 9, 2019

Members Present: Mike Schwehr, Shawn Olauson, Jeff Bopp, Jeff Erickson, Dave Carlsrud, Bill Carlblom, Vernon Roorda, John Behm, Scott Legge; **Also, Present:** Jessica Jenrich, Tonya Lorenz, Reuben Bontrager, Vicky Lovell, John Froelich, Michael Mittleider, Jamie Gentile, Justin Foell, Cheryl Foell,

Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwehr.

Motion by Carlblom, 2nd by Behm to approve April 15, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for the Hearing for Mark Johnson for a Variance of 85' from the center of Township road 47th St SE, SE1/4, 26-138-61, Meadow Lake Township. No one appeared to protest. Motion by Legge, 2nd by Olauson, to approve the Variance as the house is just as close to the road and there are trees closer. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for the Hearing for BEK Communications for a Utility Variance of less than 75' from the center of roads within many townships. There were questions about the project and BEK was present to answer any and all questions presented to him. Also John Froelich wanted to make sure that Jenrich has all road agreements from townships and county on file and Jenrich stated that she does have them all. Motion by Carlsrud, 2nd by Carlblom to approve as long as all the proper channels are followed. Motion carried.

The preliminary subdivision, Foell's Meadow Subdivision was reviewed and Cheryl Foell was present to explain her plans that her son Justin will live in her present house and she will be putting a house in the lot behind the current lot. The board did not see anything they wanted added or changed so the preliminary will now go to County Commission and then in June there will be a hearing for the final.

NextEra was present to talk about their upcoming repower project that they would like to start around July and finish by Thanksgiving 2019 of Ashtabula 1 wind farm. Jenrich had a question for the board, she already knew they need to get a variance for the new height of the tower but was unsure if there should be a variance for setback since there will be some towers that are not compliant with our current rules. The board did recommend that Jenrich has NextEra still do a height variance and also do one for the towers that will be closer than the 1.25 setback.

Jenrich had a question for the board about a project that Zane Erickson is going to be doing by Tarp Pro by Tower City. The land is in Barnes County but falls within Tower City city limits, they did get a building permit through the city of Tower City and Jenrich was just wondering if they needed to do anything on the Barnes County side and the board decided as long as all setbacks are followed and they got their building permit from Tower City they will not need to do anything with Barnes County.

The following building permits were reviewed:

Mark Johnson – Pole Building – SE1/4, 26-138-61, Meadow Lake Twp; Matt Jorissen – (2) Grain Bins – Aud Lt 1A NW1/4, 28-142-60, Edna Twp; Kyle Willson(John Willson) – Shop – NE1/4 less R/W, 14-142-61, Uxbridge Twp; Minnkota Power Cooperative Inc – Electrical Equipment – West 300 ft of N 400 ft, 31-138-59, Skandia Twp; Bruce Ranum – Grain Bin – SW1/4, 27-141-58, Getchell Twp

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

Jessica Jenrich, P&Z Administrator