

June 20, 2011

JESSENLAND PLANNING AND ZONING

Minutes

1. Review and approve minutes of May meeting. (Tim/Deb)
2. Approve agenda – with addition to ‘Other Business’ being the question of Peter Weber’s attendance at meetings (Deb/Tim)
3. Requests:
 - Over the Counter:
 - Conditional Use:
 - Variance:
 - Other:
4. Action: Thomas – recreational event barn, public hearing 6/20/11 7p.m., approved (a 5 year permit with a review in 4 years and conditions set that music ends by midnight and a limit of 275 guests per event)
5. Other business:

Since Doug is replacing Rosemary after positions had already been voted on, and Rosemary was clerk, then Doug should take that position.

Responses from the attorneys regarding whether or not Dave Seig needs a variance to put an outbuilding on his 6.9 acre parcel are as follows: 1) The township association attorney and Mike Tierney pointed out that an outbuilding for ag. purposes is a permitted use in the conservation agricultural district. However, there is a gray area as the twp. ordinances are not clear as to whether they are referring to any lot size or to the required 10 acre lot size for dwellings. Mike Tierney thought that it would be wise for the township to consider using the variance process because of this gray area. He pointed out that that is what the process is for and that it would give the twp. more control over how properties are developed. (2) Mike also pointed out that a variance runs with the land. ‘Generic’ variances can not be handed out. A variance is given to the person who is going to build the building and is meant for a specific building. The township is not in the business of making a piece of land more saleable for someone.

Laurie made a motion that the variance process should be used in deciding whether or not an outbuilding can be put on a non-conforming lot in the conservation ag. district. Seconded by Tim. Approved.

Rates for the 3 local papers are: Henderson – 1st inch \$11.50 and rest is \$8.50, Belle Plaine – 1st week is \$11.50/column inch and 2nd week is \$8.50/column inch (3800 circulation), and Arlington - \$5.75/column inch (1500 circulation). Laurie motioned to use the Arlington paper as the official paper of p&z. Tim seconded. Approved.

Need to ask Doug or Jeremy if they have the Feige permit.

Deb will talk to the T. Board about Peter Weber's lack of attendance at p&z meetings. Perhaps a replacement is needed.

6. Adjourned: (Tim/Deb)

7. Next regular meeting: July 18, 2011, 7:00p.m.

Rosemary Dieball, Clerk

Commission Members Present: Tim Spletzer, Deb Boettcher, Laurie Brockhoff