

March 16, 2015

JESSENLAND PLANNING AND ZONING

Minutes

1. Review and approve minutes of February meeting. (Doug/John)
2. Approve agenda.
3. Requests:

Over the Counter:

Conditional Use: Creighton, Jacob – no app. yet

Variance:

Other:

4. Action: Biron – C.U.P. horse arena use, approved for 5 years, public hearing 3/16/15 at 7p.m.
5. Other business:

Cemstone's environmental engineer, Alex Olin, and pit manager, Matt James, explained the reclamation that has been done for phase 1. Phase 1 has ended and the pit has been sloped as per the original C.U.P. conditions. All that was mined in Phase 1 was done prior to Cemstone owning the property. Currently all mining is being done on the Graham property and even though there is no C.U.P. on the Graham pit, the Federal regulations in place will require that the reclamation on that pit, when finished, will be the same as that done on the Cemstone pit. Phase 2 of the Cemstone pit will begin when Cemstone finishes mining on the Graham pit. The current dredging operation on the Graham pit is up to 150' deep. Also, recent noise reduction at the pits has been achieved by using rubber on all the screens. Doug requested that Cemstone send a letter of explanation to p&z as to: the completion of Phase 1, their current mining status in the Graham pit, and when Phase 2 will begin in their pit. Martha will call to schedule a tour of the Cemstone property and operation.

Discussion of the no cost permit regarding manure management was held. The Town Board is willing to strike the ordinance. Martha will ask Jeremy Tesch to come to a p&z meeting to explain the state's 70/20 manure management laws.

Concerning the landslides in the township, Peter Tiede was consulted and he thought that p&z did not have a lot to worry about concerning possible litigation regarding possible landslides in the township. He did suggest adding setbacks from the bottom of slopes and/or using a disclaimer on the permits if p&z felt the need for such. Martha will contact an attorney for proper language for such a disclaimer, inquire as whether such a disclaimer could increase the risk of litigation, and ask if other townships have done setbacks from the bottom of a slope.

The Annual Town Board meeting was Tues., March 10th. Deb Batcher was the p&z rep at the meeting.

The election of the p&z officers was as follows: chair – Doug (nominated by John), vice chair – Tim (nominated by John), clerk – Kyle (nominated by Doug) and all were approved by unanimous vote.

6. Adjourned: (Doug/John)
7. Next regular meeting: April 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Doug Thomas, Clerk

Commission Members Present: Deb Boettcher, John Skelley, Tim Spletzer, Doug Thomas,
Kyle Iverson