

April 20, 2015

JESSENLAND PLANNING AND ZONING

Minutes

1. Review and approve minutes of March meeting. (Tim/John) (meeting opened 6:35p.m.)
2. Approve agenda with addition under 'Other Business' of a discussion of uncooperative applicants
3. Requests:

Over the Counter: Boelter – new home, existing site; approved
Henning – pole shed, approved

Conditional Use:

Variance:

Other:

4. Action: Creighton, Jacob – new home, approved, public hearing 4/20/15 at 7p.m.
5. Other business:

The letter from Cemstone explaining the current status of their pit and operation was read. There were questions about possible state reclamation requirements for the Graham pit. The county should be contacted to see if they are aware of any such requirements. Also, is the state aware of the change in the size of the Graham operation?

Discussion of the no cost permit regarding manure management and the state's 70/20 manure management laws was not held as Jeremy Tesch was unable to make the meeting.

Concerning the landslides in the township, the township association attorney was consulted for proper language for a site safety disclaimer and language for setbacks from the base of the bluffs. The attorney suggested the township hire an attorney to work out the proper language for a disclaimer and is not aware of any other townships having setbacks from the base of bluffs or slopes. He stated again that the township should not have to worry about liability concerning the safety of a site. Currently Sibley Co. p&z is looking into adding setbacks from the base of a slope and is looking for other counties that have setbacks in their ordinances. Jessenland will wait to see what the county comes up with before proceeding any farther.

(meeting closed 6:55 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. public hearing)
(meeting re-opened 7:10 p.m.)

A possible violation of Jessenland's ordinances on the Poppler property regarding the impounding of waters will be looked into.

A discussion of what to do about uncooperative applicants led to a question to be posed to the Town Board. Would a doubling of the application fee for past due renewal applications be appropriate? Are there ways to make the application process easier?

6. Adjourned: (Tim/John)

7. Next regular meeting: May 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Kyle Iverson, Clerk

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