

May 18, 2015

## JESSENLAND PLANNING AND ZONING

### Minutes

1. Review and approve minutes of April meeting. (Tim/John)
2. Approve agenda with addition under 'Other Business' of a discussion of four wheeler trail use (Tim/John)
3. Requests:

Over the Counter:

Conditional Use:

Variance:

Other:

4. Action:
5. Other business:

Discussion of the no cost permit regarding manure management and the state's 70/20 manure management laws was held with input from Jeremy Tesch explaining the 70/20 law. Tim, Doug, and John will work on coming up with a new approach for implementing the manure management notification in the township and a future meeting will be devoted to completely overhauling the present approach and language.

The possible violation of Jessenland's ordinances on the Poppler property regarding the impounding of water was looked into with a site visit and there was no evidence of any recent work having been done to impound any water. The pond currently on the property seems to have been dug at least 5 or 6 years prior and appears to be under 5' deep thereby requiring no action on the part of the Popplers.

The current fee schedule for p&z applications was discussed. Current fees are barely adequate to cover costs incurred with applications.

Martha will ask the Town Board what to do about uncooperative applicants. Would a doubling of the application fee for past due renewal applications be appropriate? Are there ways to make the application process easier?

No response from the county, yet, concerning state/federal requirements for reclamation on the Graham pit.

Peter Tiede was contacted regarding a request from Don Mathwig to separate an existing farm house, with 5 acres, off of a 137 acre farm site. Tiede admitted readily that the current ordinances do allow for up to a 2 acre split with no limitations of more future such splits, in the ag zone. His recommendation for a fix is an ordinance revision that would allow any homes built prior to the township zoning in 2001 to be allowed to do a one-time split on an existing site and anything after 2001 would require the full 40 acres. In the meantime, the township could ask the landowner doing the split for a deed restriction on the remaining acreage left, up to 40 acres, but not including any acreage past 40. However, since our current ordinances do not

include this language, the landowner would be allowing the deed restriction on a voluntary basis. Kyle suggested another fix to the issue based on language used in Red Wing County that puts a limit on how many total homes that can be built in a section. Discussion will continue at future meetings on this topic. Martha will contact Mathwig to ask that the township be notified when the sale will occur so that a deed restriction may be added by the township. In previous conversations Mathwig seemed open to allowing a deed restriction.

Once again, Doug is noticing heavy 4 wheeler use on properties next to the Town Hall. It appears that there may be an exchange of money at a registration table. This could involve possible violation of ordinances concerning use of trails for a recreational business and possible violations of motorized vehicles on federal wildlife management lands. Doug will look into this.

6. Adjourned: (Tim/John)

7. Next regular meeting: June 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (Doug, Kyle, and Martha will not be able to attend.)

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Kyle Iverson, Clerk

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