

March 21, 2016

JESSENLAND PLANNING AND ZONING

Minutes

1. Review and approve minutes of February meeting. (Correction noted here for approved permits for Creighton's, under 'Other Business'. Jacob Creighton holds an approved C.U.P. for a new home and Paul Creighton holds an approved C.U.P. for a new home and an O.T.C. for a pole shed.) (Tim/John)

2. Approve agenda (Tim/John)

3. Requests:

Over the Counter:

Conditional Use: schedule of events presented from Biron's horse arena

Variance:

Other:

4. Action: Ordinance revision – public hearing 3/21/16, 7p.m., approved for recommendation to the Town Board

5. Other business:

Garry Bennett of DNR does not think that buildings would be allowed in the floodway at the Cemstone site. For more information on this, he has forwarded the question of whether Cemstone can build 100'x40' and 12'x12' buildings on their site, on to Ceil Strauss, state flood plain manager. Cemstone is currently working on a more site specific plan and will get back to us with this plan when it is complete.

Concerns of mining operations in the township reaching down deep enough to interfere with the ground water beneath the sites was addressed by Garry Bennett of DNR. He does not seem to think there is anything to be concerned with and pointed out that this is not uncommon at mining sites like Cemstone's. His greatest concern would be if Cemstone turned to deep, dry mining which has a tendency to drain local wells.

Term reappointments for John and Tim were approved by the Town Board at their February meeting. John is starting his 2nd term and Tim is starting his 3rd term. John motioned to cease nominations for election of officers of p&z and recast a unanimous ballot, maintaining the current position of officers. Approved. Doug will continue as chair, Tim as vice chair, and Kyle as clerk.

Hours of operation for Cemstone have been discussed at previous p&z meeting: in Dec. '12, after many complaints of noise from the pit operations, and in Oct. '14, again after noise complaints. When Cemstone applied for their C.U.P. Ken Kuhn, Cemstone's representative at that time, claimed hours of operation would be 6a.m.- 6p.m. In 2014 Cemstone stated that their hours of operation were from 4a.m.- midnight. Questions arise now of possible noise issues if Cemstone is planning to move their mining operation even closer to area residents' homes. Martha will contact Cemstone and invite them to a p&z meeting to discuss noise mitigation.

The question from Joyce Thomas concerning additional guests for their event barn for just one selected event was discussed. Their C.U.P. for the event barn allows up to 275 guests. No action was taken to change this.

6. Adjourned: (John/Tim)

7. Next regular meeting: April 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Kyle Iverson, Clerk

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