

August 18, 2025

Jessenland Township Planning and Zoning Minutes

1. Review and approve minutes of July 21, 2025 meeting. (Steve/Rosemary) Passed

2. Approve agenda. (Rosemary/Steve) Passed

3. Requests:

Over the Counter:

Conditional Use: Lee, Barbara; 25239 361st Ave.; temporary dwelling; public hearing scheduled for 09/15/25 at 7pm

Variance:

Other:

4. Action: Meacham, Sara; 32419 Jessenland Rd.; 73' variance from front yard setback for a garden shed; public hearing 08/18/25 at 7pm; passed unanimously

5. Other Business:

An update of the condition of the Kotasek pit was given by Martha. A site visit was done that included Shannon Kotasek, Doug Thomas, Greg, the project engineer with Mathiowetz Construction, working on the Scenic Byway construction, Daren Barfknecht as Sibley Co. Assistant Public Works Director, and Martha Wavrin. Kotaseks plan to continue to use the pit for material and said that they would apply for permitting. Currently the pit is being used as a storage area for equipment. There had been some erosion control during the pit's use as a borrow site for the Byway construction, but the sediment pond is currently full and drainage is going down the driveway into the new culvert placed at the bottom of the driveway area.

The new access to Austin Nye's property had been allowed by Sibley County Public Works. They said that the new access is actually an old field access. Austin was present and asked to apply for a variance by October. He needs to meet a 60' property line setback and a 75' setback from the bluff.

The committee of Doug, Matt, Martha, and Kyle Iverson that is looking into improving the language for splitting parcels met and worked on new language. Since Doug still wanted to tweak the new language, and he is not present, we will table this discussion until the next meeting.

The Town Board approved raising the cost of the Over The Counter Permit from \$65 to \$100.

6. Adjourned.

7. Next regular meeting: September 15, 2025 at 7:00p.m. `

_____ Rosemary Dieball, clerk

Members present: Matt Skelley, Steve Skelley, Rosemary Dieball