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BZA MEETING Minutes January 24, 2017

Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals Wabash County Court House Wabash IN 46992

BZA Board Members: Mark Milam, Don Roser, David Schuler, Joe Vogel, Jerry Younce, and Attorney Larry Thrush

Members Present: Mark Milam, Don Roser, Dave Schuler, Joe Vogel, Jerry Younce, and Attorney, Larry Thrush

Others Present: Cody Michel, Troy Michel

Mr. Vogel opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Mark Milam made the motion to approve the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Jerry Younce.

Election of officers for 2017 was held.

Mark Milam nominated Joe Vogel for President Dave Schuler seconded the motion Jerry Younce moved to close the nominations.

Jerry Younce nominated Mark Milam for Vice President Dave Schuler seconded the motion Don Roser moved to close the nominations.

Jerry Younce nominated Libby Cook for Secretary Mark Milam seconded the motion Don Roser moved to close the nominations

Officers for 2017 are Joe Vogel, President; Mark Milam, Vice President; Libby Cook, Secretary.

Mr. Vogel, our first item of business is a Variance request in Chester Township by Cody and Troy Michel.

Mike Howard: The Michel's are requesting a Variance regarding the setback of 300 feet from the property line for the Confined Feeding Operation swine buildings they are proposing to have built. Letters have been received from the neighboring property owners consenting to the change in the set back. IDEM has no problem with the change they are requesting, ,the main concern from IDEM would be safety, could fire equipment get around the buildings. Mr. Howard advised the Michel's to check with County Soil & Water Conservation District as they request to be informed anytime you are disturbing more than an acre of dirt. I would also recommend that you get with the Wabash County Surveyors Office/Drainage Board regarding the driveway over the ditch as it is a certified drain.

Mr. Vogel asked if there were any questions regarding the Variance, then proceeded with the vote.

Mike Howard: I would recommend that the Board keep in mind as they vote that this is subject to IDEM approval.

Mr. Larry Thrush, Attorney, tallied the votes, the variance passed.

Mike Howard went over the 2016 review of permits issued, fees, and complaints that have been addressed. Mr. Howard asked the Board if there were any questions on the draft of the Ordinance. The Board was also informed of the January 12th visit to the Co. Plan Commission Office by FEMA/DNR representative, Laura Kannapel.

Dave Schuler made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Milam.

Chairman, Joe Vogel adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Following the meeting, retiring Board member Don Roser was presented a plaque in honor of his 23 years of service to the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Libby Cook Secretary, Wabash Co. Board of Zoning Appeals