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## **BZA MEETING MINUTES** **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

BZA MEMBERS: Dan Dale, Patty Godfroy, Mark Milam, Joe Vogel, Jerry Younce

PRESENT: Mark Milam, Joe Vogel, Patty Godfroy, Mike Howard, Plan Director; Larry Thrush, Board Attorney; Libby Cook, Board Secretary; Amanda Lyons, Board Secretary (training)  
others present include: Bart Johnson, Michael Swope, Brooke Swope

ABSENT: Dan Dale, Jerry Younce

The Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Wabash County Courthouse. Board Chairman, Joe Vogel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Vogel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 23, 2022 meeting, there being none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion to approve by Mr. Milam, second by Ms. Godfroy, motion carried unanimously 3 – 0, two members absent.

Mr. Howard introduced Amanda Lyons as the new Plan Commission Administrative Assistant, replacing Libby Cook, who is retiring effective October 6, 2022.

Mr. Vogel: The first item on the agenda is Variance #8, Bart Johnson seeking a variance from the road setback requirements in Lagro Township. Mr. Howard gave the following information: the address is 4603 E State Road 16, North Manchester; a 3.05 acre parcel; the required setback for a state road is 105 feet from the center of the road, Mr. Johnson is asking to be 80 feet from the center of the road for construction of a 24' x 40' pole barn. Board members reviewed the information presented to them. No one present at the meeting had any questions or concerns. Motion to approve Variance #8 made by Ms. Godfroy, second by Mr. Milam. The Board proceeded to vote, Mr. Thrush tallied the votes and stated that Variance #8 was unanimously approved, 3 – 0, with two members absent.

Mr. Vogel: The next item on the agenda is Variance #9, Michael & Brooke Swope seeking a variance from the road setback requirements in Lagro Township. Mr. Howard gave the following information: the address is 2404 S 300 E., Wabash; 1.2 acre parcel; the required setback for a secondary county road is 65 feet from the center of the road, Mr. Swope is asking to be 35' from the center for the construction of a 30' x 48' pole building garage. Board members reviewed the

information presented to them. Mr. Vogel asked Mr. Swope about safety concerns regarding door locations and backing out onto the roadway. Mr. & Mrs. Swope indicated they intend to extend their existing driveway into a U shape that would not require backing out onto the roadway. There being no further questions, Ms. Godfroy made a motion to approve Variance #9, second by Mr. Milam. The Board proceeded to vote, Mr. Thrush tallied the votes and stated that Variance #9 was unanimously approved, 3-0, with two members absent.

Mr. Howard gave the following updates:

- County Zoning Ordinance draft update: Ordinance is completed and will be presented at November meeting, with legal ads to be posted in newspaper prior to meeting. He will then give the ordinance to the County Commissioners and the incorporated towns of Lafontaine, Lagro, and Roann for their approval.
- Complaints: No complaints to discuss
- Solar Project Update: Mark Traumbauer and Chris Neff from NEXTerA visited the office this week with updates. In the near future they will be examining the land areas for ditches, waterways, creeks and other geological features.. They have tentatively schedule with the PC office to present a project update to the PC Board during the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 meeting.
- Other business: The Plan Commission Director position has been posted to Indeed, asking Plan Commission Board members for any suggestions of candidates.

There being no further business Mr. Vogel asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Milam made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Godfroy, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

*Amanda Lyons*  
*Secretary, Wabash Co. Board of Zoning Appeals*  
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