

McHenry County Zoning Commission

August 24, 2023

9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Matt Zelinski. Other members present were Roger Myers, Tom Krumwiede, Mike Morey, Shawn Anderson, Pat Schaff, Lance Johnson and Zoning Administrator Kristine Brummond. Also in attendance was Tyler and Kelani Welstad.

A motion was made by Shawn and seconded by Roger to approve the July 27th minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was held for the variance application from Tyler Welstad to establish three tree rows on the South side of Co Rd 16 located in the NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 22-159-78. The first tree row is requested to be located 66' from the center of the road. The trees have already been planted and Lance commented he measured them to be at 65' from the center of the road. The trees will need to be measured again to determine an official distance from the center of the road. The concern is the county right-of-way on this road is 66' and with the future horizontal growth of the trees, further encroachment will occur. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Shawn to recommend the commissioners approve the variance at 66'. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was held for the conditional use application from Roger Myers for a borrow clay pit located in the N ½ of Section 20-151-78. No one appeared against. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Pat to recommend the commissioners approve the CUP. Motion carried unanimously.

The following applications were reviewed:

Gregg Boutilier – polebarn
Richard Wobbema – lean to
Donald Lawson – garage

A motion was made by Shawn and seconded by Roger to approve the Boutilier permit. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lance and seconded by Tom to approve the Wobbema permit. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Pat to approve the Lawson permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Due to conflicts with the September meeting date, a motion was made by Tom and seconded by Mike to move the September meeting to the 21st. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the issues that would arise from year-around living at Buffalo Lodge.

The county has been waiting for the septic permit from Dean Feist, but he was told by First District Health Unit they no longer provide inspections. Matt will check with them as to whether they no longer do the inspections or if the law changed where they no longer require the inspections.

Upham City has a concern where an individual is living in a structure that is zoned commercial. A complaint will need to be filed in order for the county to assist with the non-conforming issue.

At 10:20 AM, a motion was made by Pat and seconded by Roger to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor