

McHenry County Zoning Commission

August 24, 2017

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Zelinski. Other members present were Bill Goodwin, Ken Gefroh, Lyle Hendrickson, Larry Haman, Darrell Haman, Lloyd Gardner, Anita Trana and Darlene Carpenter. Also present was Harry Bergstad, Steve McLean, Kathy McLean, Travis Leier, Rick Erickson, DJ Randolph, Marty Egeland and James Jansky. States Attorney, Josh Frey, attended via phone.

A motion was made by Darrell and seconded by Lloyd to approve the minutes from July 27th. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was held for the amendment to add sport shooting ranges as a conditional use in a recreational district. Josh provided information found in his research and recommended this amendment be passed in order to comply with State and Federal laws. No one appeared in opposition. A motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Anita to recommend the commissioners approve the zoning change as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was held for the conditional use application from the Velva Wildlife Club to for a sport shooting range for property described as Outlots 594 and 832 in Section 17 and Outlots 595 and 833 in Section 18 of 153-80. Steve and Kathy McLean spoke in opposition with concerns about noise and the possible de-valuation of their home. The wildlife club members presented information regarding their plans for minimizing the noise. Matt suggested placing the following conditions on the permit: must comply with all federal, state and local laws in regards to the management of waste lead from bullets to protect groundwater contamination; limit the hours of operation from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM; the range must be constructed in accordance with National standards to ensure safety of the public; the range must meet NRA design standards. A motion was made by Darrell and seconded by Lloyd to recommend the commissioners approve the conditional use permit with the conditions suggested by Matt. The States Attorney recommended another condition which would require an insurance policy with verbiage that indemnifies the county and holds the county harmless. A motion was made by Darrell and seconded by Lloyd to amend the previous motion to include the condition recommended by the States Attorney. Board members Bill, Ken, Lyle, Larry, Darrell, Lloyd and Matt voting aye. Board member Anita voting nay. Motion carried.

Most visitors left the meeting with the exception of James Jansky. Larry Haman also left.

The public hearing was held for the variance application from Ryan Hoff to construct a yard shed 90' from the center of 15th Ave N in the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 36-153-80. No one appeared in opposition. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Ken to recommend the commissioners approve the variance. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the following applications:

Brad Genetzky – mobile home and barn

A motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Ken to approve, pending a copy of the septic permit. Motion carried unanimously.

James Jansky – house

A motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Lyle to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Meadowlark Wind I LLC – O & M building

Meadowlark Wind I LLC – transmission line

A motion was made by Anita and seconded by Bill to approve both permits. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed creating a Special Use Permit which would be applied when the use is not listed in the ordinance.

At 9:00 PM, a motion was made by Bill and seconded by Ken to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor