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The Menard County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Thursday, April 4th 2019, at 7 p.m., at the Menard County Courthouse in Petersburg, Illinois.

Chairperson Tom Eldridge called the meeting to order and took the roll call with the following ZBA members in attendance: Karen Stott, Steve Wilken, Steve Ozella, and Tom Eldridge. A quorum was present. Zoning Administrator Brian Hollenkamp was in attendance and recorded the event. Jared Streder New Zoning Administrator wrote minutes to prepare for new 2021 meeting based off of the recording.

Minutes from the November 12, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. ZBA member Steve Wilken moved to approve the minutes, as presented. ZBA member Wilken seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays”, and one “absent”.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC HEARING: (Case number 19-01 V)
APPLICATION FROM WILLIAM PARKHURST, ACTING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF OR WITH LEGAL REPRESENTATION, THAT SEEKS A VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.04(D)(2) OF THE MENARD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, REQUIRING A MINIMUM OF 200 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON A PUBLIC ROAD. THE VARIANCE REQUEST SEEKS A 20 FOOT LOT WIDTH AT THE PUBLIC ROAD.

Bill Parkhurst was present to represent himself to give an overview of his application for the variance. Chairperson Eldridge opened the public hearing to give consideration to case number 19-01V. Chairperson Eldridge swore-in Parkhurst for testimony regarding the application. He presented that he would like to build a new 3 bay garage along with a new retirement home in the back of the lot for himself. Along with a new small pond in the back as well. Will have a total of 1.55 Acres after the variance to make the lot bigger.

Stated he was going to use just use one access points along with one covert to the entire plot of land, along with not making the plot of land, land-locked.

One suggestion from the ZBA was to have something on both deeds when he plans to sell the plot of land who takes care of the new easement that was submitted with the current application being addressed. Along with a concern from the public that he checks for the pipeline before he digs for his pond. The ZBA also suggested moving forward that he checks in with conservation and check on the soils moving forward to make sure it’s not going to flood or run over

After discussion, ZBA moved to approve the Findings of Fact and recommend that the Board of Commissioners grant the Variance. ZBA member Stott seconded the motion. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays”, and one “absent”.

After approval of the Findings of Fact the ZBA approved the end of public hearing. The motion carried with four “ayes”, no “nays”, and one “absent”.

Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests

New Business:

Follow up for a complaint that has been made on the individual's neighbor. One complaint was along the lines of a junk business, and trucking on the property. They inquired to the ZBA about them having issues about getting the complaint and getting the action enforced. The individual provided images of the property and he said his neighbor had continued to refuse to comply to the actions made against him.

He has stated that he wants to take the complaint to the state's attorney however, wanted a statement from the ZBA. Also had concerns regarding the individual after they returned from the zoning meeting prior and their mailbox had been ripped off. The ZBA jointly advised these individuals contact Menard County Sheriffs Office.

ZBA spoke with Zoning Administrator about creating a deadline for the individual to get everything cleaned up so that the states attorney could be talked to in order to get the action enforced.

Zoning Administrator's Report

There was no zoning administrator's report

Individual ZBA Member Comments

There were no ZBA member comments.

Adjournment

As no other business was brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals, ZBA members moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried with four "ayes", no "nays", and one "absent".