

Public Hearing for Special Use Permit
For Operation of Gravel Pit
Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting
August 18, 2020

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:00 pm by chairperson Jennifer Sherburn. The meeting was held outside in order to comply with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order that limits indoor gathers to 10 people. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Jennifer Sherburn explained the reason for this meeting. RJG Stone and Sand, LLC have applied to operate a Gravel Pit/Mining Operation on 192nd Ave.

Citizens that came and had comments and or questions:

Erwin and Melody Arnold live across the street. They expressed their concerns about noise, dust, property values, well going dry, time frame and about the road.

The DNR responded via email and asked that the Zoning Admin read statement. The DNR wanted to point out that no operations could occur within 300' from the White River. A Natural River's permit from the DNR would be required for any operations taking place within 100' from that 300' boundary.

Mr. Hamilton responded to the neighbor's concerns. He will be leaving a tree line at the road and will be erecting a dirt barrier as digging progresses. Jennifer explained the hours of operation. Dust control is monitored by the State. RJG Stone and Sand, LLC has hired Lakeshore Environmental to monitor water levels and advise on any future permits needed.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Ballantyne