

Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting

Special Meeting

August 18, 2020

Public Hearing was closed at 6:17 pm and our Special Meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm by chairperson Jennifer Sherburn. Roll call showed board members: Jennifer Sherburn, Mike Rosema, Bob Carr, Jan Wilson and Tami Ballantyne all present. Also, in attendance were Zoning Admin Steve Micklin, Township Supervisor Joan David, and representatives from RJG Stone and Sand, LLC. As well as several local residents.

Motion by Wilson and supported by Rosema to accept Agenda after adding Special Use Permit to New Business: all ayes

Motion by Ballantyne supported by Rosema to amend the minutes for Aug 6 meeting. Addition of comment from Rosema about a mining operation occurring on 184th Ave. to Zoning comments: all ayes

Public Comment: Al Seng commented that the mining occurring on 184th Ave gas at least 25 acres torn up.

Communication: As talked about last meeting, Ballantyne gave all board members a copy of the letter from the state granting permission for an irrigation well to be drilled on Grant Rd.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A) After hearing the requested public comments from the DNR it was decided that wording be added to the Gravel/Mining Permit. It will state that no mining can occur within 300' from the river. Any activity within 100' of that 300' direct measurement to the river will require a Natural Rivers permit from the DNR.
- B) Special Use Permit for parcels #014-035-300-01 and #014-035-300-24 located on S. 192nd Ave to operate a commercial Gravel/Mining

Operation that is zoned residential. Said parcels are combined into parcel #014-035-30028. Combination will take effect on 1/1/21.

Zoning Report: Steve Micklin shared his research for any current permits for the operation on 184th Ave. JRB Cuz Enterprise owns the property. A permit was issued on 6/24/05 for Gravel/Mining. He will reach out to the owners. Stephanie Goodman of Bricks and Mortar would like to schedule a special meeting for their application for a marihuana facility. Sept. 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm was suggested provided payment from Bricks and Mortar is received.

Recommendations for the board:

- A) Motion by Rosema and supported by Ballantyne to recommend the Township Board approve Special Use Permit for RJG Stone and Sand, LLC to perform operations pursuant to C-1 on parcel #014-035-300-28 that is R-1. Special Use Permit will expire when mining operation ceases.
All ayes
- B) Motion by Rosema and supported by Wilson to recommend the Township Board approve Gravel/Mining Application to RJG Stone and Sand, LLC specifying no mining within 300' of the White River. Any activity between 300' and 400' will require permit from the DNR.
All ayes

Motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Ballantyne