MINUTES OF MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Held July 5, 2017
Washington County Government Building

The Washington County Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, David Hoar. Plan Commission members in attendance were David Hoar, Kevin Carty, Danielle Walker, Jeff Souder, Ervin Day, Mark Hartman, and Anthony Scifres. Absent was Preston Shell. Board of Zoning Appeals members present were Max Greene, Anthony Scifres, and Mark Hartman. Absent were Darrell Tye and John Mishler. Also present was WCPC/BZA attorney John Mead and Plan Director Travis Elliott, and public member Rhonda Greene.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anthony Scifres and David Hoar offered prayer.

Minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Mark Hartman, second by Ervin Day, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Plan Director Travis Elliott addressed the Board regarding the application of Zeigenbein, Case No. 17-02. Travis stated that the application had been revised again to now reflect 235 points. David asked about the removal of trees. There appears to be no problem with the green barrier if Zeigenbein stays with the proposed plan. Travis noted that work had started on the foundation of the new building.

Travis next addressed the Board on the Gettlefinger application, Case No. 17-05. Travis stated that he had reviewed the application and it has a total of 280 points. Notification has been delivered to all neighbors. Travis recommends approval. Upon motion by Ervin Day, second by Kevin Carty, the Board unanimously approved the application of Gettlefinger Family Farms.

Travis next presented the application of Rippy Farms, Inc., Case No. 17-01. Travis reviewed the application with the Board. The application has a score of 245 points. There were questions regarding the number of points to allow for the manure structure he is building. Anthony and Danielle also had questions regarding points. Travis questioned landscaping. Ervin noted that the purpose was for sound and odor. Danielle commented that with landscaping, if the facility looks nice, people are less likely to complain. Ervin questioned whether aesthetics should score points and noted that landscaping really should be a buffer. There were questions regarding the approval of a green barrier or plan by NRCS. Under the Ordinance, no points can be allowed for landscaping without an approved plan. There was discussion regarding NRCS procedures for approval of a green barrier plan. Travis recommends approval of the application. Upon motion by Ervin Day, second by Anthony Scifres, the Board unanimously approved the application of Rippy Farms, Inc.

There was further discussion regarding green barrier. David commented that something should be posted on a website.

David stated that the Board is still waiting on the appointment of an additional Plan Commission member by the County Commissioners. David will attend the meeting in the morning.

Jeff Souder left the meeting.

There was discussion regarding amendments to the Rules of Procedures and were tabled until the next meeting.

There being no further business, upon motion by Anthony Scifres, second by Mark Hartman, the Plan Commission unanimously approved to conclude its meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes of the June 5, 2017 BZA meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Mark Hartman, second by Anthony Scifres, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Washington County Plan Commission by:

David Hoar, President

Danielle Walker

Jeff Souder

Ervin Day

Mark Hartman

Anthony Scifres

Preston Shell

Kevin Carty

Board of Zoning and Appeals by:

Max Greene

Darrell Tye

John Mishler

Anthony Scifres

Mark Hartman

WCPC/BZA Attorney:

John W. Mead/Mark D. Clark