

## Minutes for meeting July 13, 2021

Members Present: Donald Maxson, John Meidema, Jacob Tow and Rachel Belcher.

Special Meeting started at 7 P.M.

Special Meeting pertaining to the property of Joe Kauffman located on 6977 E Baseline rd. The property was asked by Mr. Kauffman to be zoned commercial.

The proposed change from rural residential had been brought before the immediate neighbors including those from our township as well as Big Prairie township. Several were present and understood the application and the meeting was opened up to public comment as well as questions. Don Allers, Chris Webster, Andrea Webster as well as an e-mail comment from a neighbor were positive in nature.

Jill Leslie had several Questions including subjects of Curbing, Green Zone Noise Traffic and Barn Storage. We addressed the issue of the Green Zone and pointed out that this was for streamside clearances, Noise was addressed by Mr. Kauffman and Andrea Webster both stating that a mechanics shop was now operating out of this same building and that no increase in noise was expected. We asked that Mr. Kauffman would provide the required amendments to his drive be addressed through MDOT and supplied to the township. We addressed the issue of barn storage and this was clarified by Mr. Kauffman.

There was also an issue that was brought before the board regarding the setback for a commercial property and that the building as shown on the site plan did not meet this requirement. As there was confusion initially from the officers of the township the suggestion was proposed from the Chair of this board to ask for an exception for this particular parcel. That proposed exception was suggested by

the board and brought before the Supervisor who was in attendance of the meeting.

At his point Rachel Belcher made a motion which was seconded by Jacob tow that we approve the zoning change tentative to the approval of a variance by a roll call vote will all in attendance voting for approval.

Not understanding the scope of the nature of a variance the board voted in approval of the variance not actually having the authority to grant one. As of the time these notes were written a Zoning board of appeals is scheduled to address the variance.

After the special meeting portion of the meeting was ended there was brought before the board 2 questions of interest by the zoning administrator. Junk vehicle and long-term RV placement issues to be addressed in the future by the board.

Motion by John Meidema to close the meeting seconded by Jacob Tow a voice motion was passed and the meeting ended.