

Members present:

Cindy Hall, Chairperson
Nicole Stecklein
John Hinz
Catherine Davies (via telephone)

Members absent:

Paul Thomsen

Staff present:

Michele Lubben – Land Use Administrator

Visitors present:

Derek Rickels – 304 Lakeview Dr NE, Solon
Dan Rickels – 4314 Indian Trl NE, Solon

Introductions of the Board of Adjustment, staff and visitors took place. The Board welcomed new member John Hinz representing District 1.

A quorum of members of the Jones County Board of Adjustment was achieved at 4:00 p.m. and Chairperson Cindy Hall called the meeting to order.

Motion by Stecklein seconded by Davies to approve the November 19, 2019 meeting minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecklein seconded by Hinz to approve the agenda for the meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecklein seconded by Hinz to open the public hearing for owners Douglas, Daniel and Derek Rickels who have applied for a special permitted use in the A-Agricultural Zoning District for property described as SW SE, Section 29 of Jackson Township. More specifically, the special permitted use is for a seasonal dwelling unit according to Auxiliary and Seasonal Dwelling Unit Article XI. All aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator noted that the Board received copies of the application, aerial map, and written report. All adjoining landowner letters were sent and received. No verbal or written comments were received on the application.

The Rickels explained that there is primarily 13 acres of tillable ground, the rest of the farmland is pasture and timber. The building would be placed in a grassy area overlooking the pond. Hall questioned why there was not already a 911 sign for the property and noted that the red zoning sign

was visible. Rickels explained that the current 14 x 14 structure is portable which may be why it did not have one. The definition of a seasonal dwelling was explained. Hinz questioned the easement access to verify the property had sufficient access for ingress and egress purposes for emergency vehicles.

Motion by Stecklein, seconded by Hinz to close the public hearing. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecklein seconded by Hinz to approve the Special Permitted Use for owners Douglas, Daniel and Derek Rickels in Section 29 of Jackson Township.

Roll call vote:

Stecklein –Aye

Hinz – Aye

Davies – Aye

Hall - Aye

All aye. Motion carried.

The red zoning sign was returned. The permit will be issued by mail along with a 911 application.

Next, the Land Use Administrator reviewed the 2020 Jones County Zoning Ordinance text amendments.

The Chairperson discussed future meetings in relation to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and possible postponement of the April meeting. The Land Use Administrator will see if any applications are submitted before the March 25th deadline. If an application does need to be heard, an electronic meeting could be held. Next meeting if needed, would be April 21, 2020.

Motion by Stecklein seconded by Hinz to adjourn at 4:32 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.