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## **BZA MEETING MINUTES**

**May 19, 2020**

**Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals  
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BZA MEMBERS: Dan Dale, Patty Godfroy, Mark Milam, Joe Vogel, Jerry Younce, and Attorney Larry Thrush

Present: Joe Vogel, Jerry Younce, Dan Dale, Mark Milam, Mike Howard, Larry Thrush, Libby Cook, Terry Knee

The Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Board Chairman, Joe Vogel, called the meeting to order. Mr. Vogel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, there being none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mark Milam made the motion to approve the minutes, this was seconded by Jerry Younce. The motion carried, the minutes will stand approved as written.

Mr. Vogel: the next item on the agenda is Special Exception #2, Terry Knee, for a pond in Lagro Township.

Mike Howard: Mr. Knee lives at 5291 N 650 E, Urbana; Lagro Township. Mr. Knee is seeking approval to construct a pond on his property. Due to the Corona Virus pandemic restrictions the Plan Commission Board did not meet in person but were sent specifications for the pond through e-mail and mail along with their vote sheets for a favorable/unfavorable recommendation to the BZA. All members returned their vote sheets and unanimously voted to give a favorable recommendation to the BZA. The Wabash Co. Drainage Board reviewed the information on the pond at their May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and voted unanimously to approve the request. Mr. Howard continued, Troy Eads Excavating will be the contractor, the pond will cover approximately .75 acres of ground and will require a variance from the property line setback and the setback requirement for a pond from a county road. Mr. Vogel asked about the topography from the road. Mr. Knee stated that the pond will start equal to or just behind the front of his house. Mr. Howard stated that Mr. Eads has contacted the neighbors and reported that there were no concerns, there have been no calls to the office with concerns. Mr. Knee said that he will be working with the State Forester on planting trees and if they recommend it he will plant trees

between the road and the front of the pond. Mr. Vogel asked if there were any further questions or comments, there being none the Board proceeded to vote on the two variances, both were approved. The Board then voted on the Special Exception for the construction of the pond. Mr. Thrush tallied the votes, SE #2 was approved.

Mr. Vogel: The next item on the agenda is SE #3, Michael Bright for a pond in Noble Twp.

Mr. Howard stated that Mr. Bright is not present tonight and there is no representation here for him. He then asked Board Attorney, Larry Thrush, if the Board could proceed on the request without Mr. Bright. Mr. Thrush said that they could. Mr. Howard continued, Mr. Bright is seeking to construct a pond on his property located at 254 S 500 W, Wabash; Noble Twp. The contractor is Treska Bros. Excavating and the pond will have approximately .3 acres of water surface area. Mr. Howard reviewed the specifications of the pond. The Wabash Co. Drainage Board reviewed the information at their May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved giving a favorable recommendation on the pond. The pond will meet all county setback requirements, no variances are needed. Mr. Vogel asked if there were any questions or concerns, there being none the Board proceeded to vote. Mr. Thrush tallied the votes, SE #3 was approved. Mr. Howard stated that Mr. Bright will be notified that the fees associated with the Special Exception request need to be paid before construction can begin.

Mr. Howard gave the following updates:

- Property owner in the Town of Lagro with questions regarding permitting for construction of a new home, wanting to keep the existing garage which does not meet County Ordinance requirements and would require a Variance.
- Doyle Silvers property in the Town of LaFontaine, reviewed progress of the construction of a new home. This is the second extension for the construction of the home. Per Board requirements at the November 26, 2019 meeting the outside of the home is to be complete by June 26<sup>th</sup>. If the shell of the house is not completed by the June 27<sup>th</sup> deadline the Board will readdress the situation and discuss possible fines to be imposed. Mr. Howard stated that he has a copy of the requirements with Mr. Silvers signature on it stating that has read and agrees to the requirements.
- Bullard property in the Town of LaFontaine. Working on the unsafe premise order to have the structure razed.
- The Wabash Co. Commissioners have approved the appointment of Susan Stephan to the Plan Commission Board. Ms. Stephan fills the vacancy left by the retirement of David Schuler.
- The BZA will meet on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for a hearing on construction of a pond in Lagro Twp.

There being no further business Mr. Vogel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Younce made the motion to adjourn, this was seconded by Mr. Dale. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

*Libby Cook*  
*Secretary, Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals*  
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