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TOWN OF BENTON PLANNING MEETING
March 28, 2023

PRESENT: Steve Hullings; Tom Rood; Rich Meyer; Crystal Tomion; Tom Goodall; and Jerry Stape.

Also Present: Adam Rowles; Tom Davie, Town Councilman; Glenn Quackenbush, Town Councilman; Meredith Moore; Skip Jensen; Alan Tomion, Town Councilman; Nathan Horning; Nathan Martin; Aaron Martin; Marlene Exner; Tom Fulkrod, Code Enforcement Officer; and Michael Peacock, Recording Secretary.

Rood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Meyer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 2/28/2023. Hullings seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #37SUB-23: Glen Martin is asking for a special use permit to move the home base for Sugar Creek Construction into his shop and have an office area and a tool storage area. Some equipment will be stored on site. Fulkrod gave some background information on why Martin is wanting to do this and what the application will be utilized for.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Tomion made a motion to approve Appeal #37SUB-23 as is. Hullings seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #7SUB-23: Scenic Grove Mennonite Church on Thistle Street would like to build a cemetery. This is the second time this application has been brought to the board. The board asked that new dimensions of the cemetery be drawn up, and they have been.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Tomion made a motion to approve Appeal #7SUB-23. Hullings seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #21SP-23:

Saturn Power (Adam Rowles) would like to put a solar farm on the property of Aaron Martin. Martin was present. Fulkrod handed out a letter from Dave Ingram, the letter stated all of Ingrams concerns. Rowles explained what will happen to the top soil. Rood proposed questions about burying the electrical wiring. There was a back and forth discussion between the developers, the board, and the public about the project.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Meyer made a motion to send out the seeker for this project. Hullings seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #22SP-23:

Saturn Power (Adam Rowles) would like to put a solar farm on the property of Nathan Horning. Horning was present. Fulkrod handed out a letter from Dave Ingram, the letter stated all of Ingrams concerns. Rowles explained what will happen to the top soil. Rood proposed questions about burying the electrical wiring. There was a back and forth discussion between the developers, the board, and the public about the project.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Meyer made a motion to send out the seeker for this project. Hullings seconded the motion. All in favor.

CLOSING:

Rood asked if there were any final questions.

Rood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meyer seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Peacock
Recording Secretary