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TOWN OF BENTON PLANNING MEETING
May 23, 2023

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

Also Present: Glen Quackenbush, Town Councilman; Tom Davie, Town Councilman; Skip Jensen; Meredith Moore; Adam Rowles; John Prendergast, Town Supervisor; Matthew Perry; Tom Fulkrod, Code Enforcement Officer; and Michael Peacock, Recording Secretary.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Tomion made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting on April 18th with the changing of the word “cover crop” to “screening”, Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Rood made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 25th meeting, Hullings seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #79SUB-23:

Kurt Rhodes would like to put in a subdivision on Thistle street. Rhodes was not present. Fulkrod spoke on his behalf and explained what the subdivision will do.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Room made a motion to accept Appeal #79SUB-23 as presented, Hullings seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #68SUP-23:

Gerald Sauder would like a special use permit for a pipe sales area. Sauder was present.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Stape made a motion to accept Appeal #68SUP-23 as presented, Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor.

SOLAR PUBLIC HEARING:

Tomion made a motion to go into a public hearing, Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Rood introduced the board, and asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak. Skip Jensen voiced his opinions on the proposed projects. Adam Rowles from Saturn Power was present and answered questions about the proposed projects.

Tomion made a motion to end the public hearing after 30 minutes of discussion, Hullings seconded the motion. All in favor.

FINAL ACTIONS

APPEAL#21SP-23

Tomion made a motion to bring the appeal to a vote with said stipulations presented by Rood, Rood seconded the motion.

The board was polled:

Tom Rood: Yes

Steve Hullings: No

Rich Meyer: Yes

Crystal Tomion: Yes

Jerry Stape: No

With 3 votes yes, Appeal#21-23 is passed.

APPEAL#22SP-23

Tomion made a motion to bring the appeal to a vote with said stipulations presented by Rood, Rood seconded the motion.

The board was polled:

Tom Rood: Yes

Steve Hullings: Yes

Rich Meyer: Yes

Crystal Tomion: Yes

Jerry Stape: No

With 4 votes yes, Appeal#22-23 is passed.

Tomion made a motion to make the Town of Benton the lead seeker on both projects and to postpone the seeker until the next meeting, Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tomion made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Peacock

Recording Secretary