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TOWN OF BENTON ZBA MEETING
May 2, 2023

PRESENT: Dwight James; Rich Meyer; Bruce Kerrick; Dewey Hauman; and Steve Vaughan.

Also Present: Tom Davie, Town Councilman; Glenn Quackenbush, Town Councilman; Bradley Todd; Mary Todd; Mary Davis; Lewis Martin; Michael Weichenthal; Elvin Martin; Marie Martin; David Cornwall; Audrey Cornwall; Dick Harper, Town Councilman; Charlie Frank; Kelli Murphy; Ronald Martin; Amos Stauffer; Tom Fulkrod, Code Enforcement Officer; and Michael Peacock, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Rich Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes of March with the correction to the spelling of Steve Vaughan's last name, Vaughan seconded the motion. All in favor. Vaughan made a motion to accept the minutes of April, Kerrick seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #59SUP-23: Ronald Martin would like to put in a farm equipment repair shop in his barn. His explanation is that the hobby is growing too fast and he would like to start it as a business. Martin states that he would have no more than 6 pieces of equipment outside and 3 pieces inside. The board asked his hours of operation, his response was 8am - 7pm Monday through Saturday. Neighbors were present and presented their concerns.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Meyer made a motion to approve Appeal #59SUP-23 with some stipulations. Hours of operations would be as stated. No gatherings outside of business hours. Applicants need to be respectful to neighbors. Martin needs to look into the drainage situation, and why its causing flooding in the neighbors driveway. Kerrick seconded the motion.

The board was polled:

Dwight James: Yes

Bruce Kerrick: Yes

Rich Meyer: Yes

Dewey Hauman: Yes

Steve Vaughan: Yes

APPEAL #65AV-23:

Michael Weichenthal would like to remove and replace a wood building on his property. The new building would be slightly larger. No neighbors were present.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Vaughan made a motion to accept the appeal as submitted. Hauman seconded the motion. The board then went over the test questions, they all passed.

The board was polled:

Dwight James: Yes

Bruce Kerrick: Yes

Rich Meyer: Yes

Dewey Hauman: Yes

Steve Vaughan: Yes

Other Business:

Skyline Auction Center:

The board was updated on the driveway for the auction center, and was informed that the parking lot is done. DOT is still looking into the driveway. The board suggested having the fire chief look at the driveway and give their opinion. James made a motion to extend for 90 days to have the fire chief look at the driveway, Kerrick seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #176SUP-22:

Amos was present and showed the board a site map of location. The site map was missing information. The board asked if he could go back and have the site map redrawn, and add in missing information. Meyer made a motion to table this appeal while Amos Stauffer has a new site map drawn, Vaughan seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPEAL #25SUP-23:

Kelli Murphy was present, and continued her interest in putting an Airbnb above her new store. The board informed Murphy that the current zoning laws state that no dwelling can go above a commercial building or an accessory structure.

CLOSING:

Vaughan made a motion to end the meeting, Meyer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Peacock
Recording Secretary