



# DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

### MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2017

Deerfield Township Hall

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Janet Rice at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Virginia Wood, Pat Siuda, Janet Rice, Walt Nelson, Joe Carroll and Zoning Administrator, Melissa Nelson

**Absent:** Chuck Hubscher,

**AGENDA REVIEW:** No new items presented.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Minutes of the Feb. 13, 2017 meeting were presented. Motion to approve made by V. Wood, seconded by P. Siuda Vote was 4-0

**New Business:** Twp. Board has approved the appointment of Joe Carroll for a new term expiring March 31, 2020. Vote to approve the appointment was 5-0

### **Old Business:**

McQuestion Special Land Use Decision:

Another new proposal was made by the McQuestion attorneys, Mr. Bleum, and Mr. Schenk. It was presented in detail to the ZBA. They outlined many changes to the original SLU application made by their client. A copy of their newest proposal is available at the Twp. Office.

**Public Comment:** Joe Kashuba: What guarantee does the Twp. Have that any of these conditions will be upheld. The history is not good.

Mr. Schenk responded by saying this would be a legal contract with the Twp.

Ben Gunning (representing his mother), asked what affect this heavy equipment would have on the roads.

Bruce Faber spoke in favor of the proposal saying they were good neighbors.

Janice Zeien was concerned with refuse dumped near the old gravel pit.

Donna Franzen was worried about the possibility of contamination in the river.

Katherine Jarmane asked about property values, contamination, and Mr. McQuestions trustworthiness.

Cynthia Brooks – please turn him down.

Paul Brooks – enough is enough.

Zoning Board member, Janet Rice asked how they could expect to run a commercial enterprise in a building which was permitted and inspected as exclusively agricultural?

No inspections have been done or approved as a commercial property. She also asked why this wasn't taken to the Planning Commission, because the ZBA has already sent this back to them for clarification.

Virginia Wood asked the same question as well as why they keep pursuing this when the courts have ruled in the Twp. Favor.

Mr. Schenk responded by saying it is still in the courts, and his client hasn't lost.

Public comments was halted at this time.

Janet Rice asked several questions for clairification

Walt Nelson repeated what has been said before, that the ZBA upholds or rejects the decision of the Planning Commission. Mr. Nelson stated that he had read the Planning Commission minutes and found nothing wrong with their actions. Mr. Nelson made a motion to again approve the actions of the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Pat Siuda. Rollcall vote:

W. Nelson – yes

P. Siuda – yes

J. Carroll – no

V. Wood – yes

J. Rice – yes

Motion passed 4-1

Motion was made by V. Wood to adjourn at 7:45 pm seconded by W. Nelson

Motion to adjourn made by W. Nelson, sec by V. Wood at 7:25 pm

**Next meeting is Monday August 14, 2017**