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The Henry County Planning Commission held a Regular Meeting in the Old Circuit Courtroom of the Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, IN 47362 on Thursday, October 18th 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Steve Rust.

Roll was called. Board members present were: Robin Fleming, Olene Veach, Daniel Roach, Steve Rust, Larry Brayton, Ed Yanos, and Dale Cole. Rachel Clark and Justin Curley were absent. Also present was Darrin Jacobs, Zoning Administrator.

Previous Minutes

The Board read and approved the August 7st minutes with a vote 7-0. The motion to approve was made by Dale Cole and seconded by Larry Brayton.

Case B: 2223

Brad Bigelow and Kelly Ankrom requesting to rezone approximately 5 acres from Single Family Residential (R1) to Agricultural (A1). The property is owned by Brad Bigelow and is located on Parcel #021-04930-00, near the intersection of N 3rd St. and North St., and in Franklin Township.

President Steve Rust opened the public hearing and asked if anyone was present to represent for the applicant. Attorney George Simpson and applicant Kelly Ankrom stepped to the podium to address the Commission.

Attorney George Simpson presented for the applicant. Mr. Simpson stated that his client Mrs. Ankrom wished to rezone her property to Agricultural so that she can keep chickens on her 5 acre lot on the edge of Lewisville. Mr. Simpson stated that the property abutted other agricultural properties and the Apple Butter Creek. Mr. Simpson also stated that when his client purchased the property in 2013 it was being used as a hobby at that time and his client assumed it was an acceptable use until she was informed otherwise by the Lewisville Town Council. Mr. Simpson further stated that his client has an understanding with the Lewisville Town Council that is the property is zoned Agricultural that she will be exempted from any town ordinances prohibiting poultry.

Larry Brayton asked about how many birds the applicant was planning to keep. Mrs. Ankrom stated she was planning to keep approximately 6 chickens, a turkey, and possibly a few other meat birds.

Dale Cole asked if she would need to build any additional buildings for the animals. Mrs. Ankrom stated she already had a large barn and a chicken coop on the property.

President Steve Rust asked if the road dead ends at the property. Mrs. Ankrom stated that that North Street does dead end at her property.

Dan Roach asked Zoning Administrator Darrin Jacobs if the Town Council of Lewisville would have the final determination if this parcel will be zoned Agricultural. Mr. Jacobs stated that he would take the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Lewisville Town Council and they would decide whether or not to accept the recommendation. Mr. Jacobs stated it was the same process they go through when they send a recommendation to the County Commissioners for a zoning change on a parcel in the unincorporated area of the county.

Steve Rust asked if anyone wished to speak in support. There were none.

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Steve Rust asked if there were any government entities that wished to speak. Kenon Gray approached the podium and asked if he could speak on any topic. President Steve Rust stated that this was the public hearing on Case B: 2223 and any comments should be about case they are hearing. Mr. Gray sat down.

With no other comments or questions Dale Cole moved to close the public hearing, Larry Brayton seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Dale Cole moved to recommend the zoning change to the County Commissioners, Olene Veach seconded. Motion Passed 7-0.

There was no other business before the Commission.

Dale Cole moved to adjourn the meeting. Olene Veach seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

President

Secretary