

Chairperson Dietrich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present: Jon Denhof, Dale Fedewa, Troy Goodno, Paul Herremans, Chuck Lane and Norm VanDyke. Zoning Administrator Emma Posillico was also present. Meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Denhof to approve the agenda as amended. Second-Herremans, motion carries.

Public Comment-

J. Hyde commented that many people appreciate the zoning rules that keep the Township looking nice. Also, that current zoning administrator is very competent.

Approval of Minutes-

Motion by Herremans to adopt the minutes of May 26, 2020 as presented. Second-VanDyke, motion carries.

Unfinished Business-

Public Hearing-Rasch Special Use Land Division

The Public Hearing was opened and Zoning Administrator Posillico presented the application and explained the calculations for the width to depth ratio. Mr. Dudley, representing the Raschs, spoke about the difficulties in meeting the required width for the new parcel. There was no other public comment and the hearing was closed.

The General Standards were reviewed and found to have been met.

The Specific Standards were reviewed and found to have been met.

Commissioners discussed the exception required for the lot width to depth ratio. Motion by Fedewa to approve the split as presented. The variation from the required 4 to 1 ratio was not found to be significant enough to deny the request, and the approval would help to preserve an area being farmed. Second-Denhof, motion carries.

Application Review-Brown Pond Special Use

The application was reviewed and found to be incomplete. As the applicant has had more than 2 years to complete the application for a pond constructed without permits, the commission recommended a deadline be given for completion of the application. If there is not compliance, enforcement action should be considered as this presents a safety concern.

Application Review-Scheidel Pond Special Use.

The application was reviewed and found to be incomplete. Approximately 1 year ago the pond was constructed without permits. A permit is required from EGLE, however due to back logs for that department, it is taking longer than usual.

Both ponds are on neighboring properties and consideration of that should be included in deliberations on approval or denial.

New Business-

None

Planning Commission Discussion-

None

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

(Any document referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)