

COUNTY OF MENARD )  
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The Menard County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Menard County Courthouse in Petersburg, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken with the following ZBA members in attendance: Tom Eldridge, Karen Stott, Steve Ozella, Steve Wilken, Dan Robertson. Zoning Deputy Jayme Ray was in attendance and took the minutes.

Minutes from March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 were presented for approval. ZBA Member Steve Ozella moved to approve the minutes. Dan Robertson seconded the motion. The motion carried the five "ayes", no "nays".

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC HEARING: (Case Number 22-2SUP)**

APPLICATION FROM REBECCA AND KYLE FORD, ACTING ON THEIR ON BEHALF OR WITH LEGAL REPRESENTATION, THAT SEEKS A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FROM ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.03(C)(1) OF THE MENARD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, ALLOWING AN AGICULTURAL BUSINESS; DOG KENNEL.

Rebecca and Kyle Ford were present to represent themselves to give an overview of their application. Chairperson Eldridge opened the public meeting for comments and consideration at 5:58 pm. Rebecca gave an explanation of their proposed dog pen kennel business on their 7.5 acres her and Kyle plan to open on Middletown Blacktop. They explained an eight kennel facility, each pen being separated with its' own indoor/outdoor area. The 40x16 pre fabricated building will be styrofoam insulated, which will also serve as noise control. Dog waste will be used as fertilizer. Dog owner will bring food/necessary meds. Each kennel will a have camera the dog owner will have 24/7 access to while the dog is in the Ford's care. Cost is \$50/night regardless or pick up/drop off times. Dog owners will be required to have up to date shot documentation and emergency contact. Behind the kennel will be a large, fenced in area for the dogs to run. Kennel will sit back far enough off Middletown Blacktop the lighting will not interfere with passing cars. Electrician, John Impson, has been contacted about installing underground power. Ample parking space will be provided.

All neighbors within 400' were contacted via certified mail. One concern being the location of the kennel due to a grain but being in close proximity. Kennel will be far enough away the grain bin dust will not be a concern.

After discussion, ZBA Member Steve Wilken moved to approve the Finding of Facts and recommend the Board of Commissioners grant the Special Use Permit as written. ZBA Member Karen Stott seconded the motion. The motion carried with five "ayes", no "nays".

As there were no other public comments, ZBA member Steve Wilken moved to close the public hearing at 6:12 pm. ZBA Member Karen Stott seconded the motion. The motion carried with five "ayes", and no "nays".

**UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

**ZONING DEPUTY'S REPORT**

Bulk Regulation Clarification. Consolidate ZBA meeting to once monthly for budget reasons.

**INDIVIDUAL ZBA MEMBER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

As no other business was brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals, ZBA Member Steven Ozella moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. ZBA Member Dan Robertson seconded the motion. The motion carried with five "ayes", no "nays".