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Effingham Zoning Board of Adjustment
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2020
Via Zoom Teleconference

Members Present: Theresa Swanick (chair), Tim White (vice chair), Jim Pittman, Knute Ogren

Members Absent: Vacancy.

Others Present: Nate Fogg, Lenny Fitzgerald

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Member Appointment:

Lenny Fitzgerald was introduced and is willing to fill in until the March election.

The ZBA members introduced themselves to Lenny Fitzgerald.

Theresa Swanick has served and serves on many boards. She is the new chair of the ZBA and appreciated any help from other members.

Tim White told the group that he had served on the Green Mountain Environmental Group prior to becoming a member of the ZBA.

Jim Pittman has served on ZBA previously and recently returned to the board. He is the Effingham representative to the Governor Wentworth School District.

Knute Ogren introduced himself and is new to the board.

Nate Fogg has served on the Wakefield ZBA and takes the minutes and tries to help Effingham with the Land Use Boards.

The ZBA discussed ways to become knowledgeable about how the ZBA operates. Reading through the Zoning Board Handbook is a very good way to get up to speed. The group also mentioned that it might be a good idea to have a group chat with other ZBAs to get ideas from other ZBAs on how they operate.

Lenny noted that he was willing to serve on the ZBA.

Knute Ogren made a motion to appoint Lenny Fitzgerald as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment until the March 2021 Town Elections. The motion was seconded by Jim Pittman. Roll call vote on the motion: J Pittman- Aye, Tim White- Aye, Knute Ogren- Aye, Theresa Swanick- Aye. The appointment was approved.

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Lenny will need to be sworn in by the town clerk. He will need to check with Deanna Amaral on how she is doing this with town hall being closed.

Minutes:

The ZBA reviewed the minutes of the June 9th, 2020 meeting.

Jim Pittman made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9th, 2020 as written. The motion was seconded by Tim White. Roll call vote on the motion: J Pittman- Aye, Tim White- Aye, Knute Ogren- Aye, Theresa Swanick- Aye. The motion was approved.

The ZBA reviewed the minutes of the July 7th, 2020 meeting.

Knute Ogren made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7th, 2020 as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Pittman. Roll call vote on the motion: J Pittman- Aye, Tim White- Aye, Knute Ogren- Aye, Theresa Swanick- Aye. The motion was approved.

ZBA Budget:

Theresa Swanick shared the budget sheet with the members and noted that she feels that level funding (\$2,067) for the coming year will work for the ZBA.

Knute Ogren made a motion to approve the proposed level funded budget of \$2,067 for the 2021 budget year. The motion was seconded by Jim Pittman. Roll call vote on the motion: J Pittman- Aye, Tim White- Aye, Knute Ogren- Aye, Theresa Swanick- Aye. The motion was approved.

Other Business:

Theresa Swanick noted that Land Use Board training was being made available view Zoom on October 31st. If anyone can attend, the ZBA has money to cover the cost.

Adjournment:

Knute Ogren made a motion to approve to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. The motion was seconded by Tim White. Roll call vote on the motion: J Pittman- Aye, Tim White- Aye, Knute Ogren- Aye, Theresa Swanick- Aye. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.