

McHenry County Zoning Commission

March 27, 2025

9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Matt Zelinski. Other members present were Joe Weninger, Roger Myers, Mike Morey, Tom Krumwiede, Pat Schaff and Zoning Admin Kristi Brodehl. Also in attendance was Max Schriock, David Ashley and Tore Knudsen.

A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Mike to approve the February 27th minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

During the previous zoning board meeting, the Ashley's and Gravel Products were asked to come to an agreement as to where the mining area will be located for the main reason of protecting the water supply. The State Water Commission was contacted regarding the Karlsruhe aquifer. For the most part, the water table is at 15'-18' with a few areas at 10'-13'. Gravel Products stated they are planning on mining around the 10' level. Their plans are to start mining in the NE portion of the property and they will reclaim as they go. In this area, test holes were drilled and they did not hit water at 12'-13'. The excess sand will be put back in the ground during reclamation. Dave Ashley asked the setback on the west side be increased to 300' and to have them exit the pit on the east side. Tore mentioned they would consider using Walker Ag Services with drones to monitor the pit for noxious weeds. A haul road agreement has not been obtained, as the county is working on an agreement with Knife River, who will be sharing the road. A motion was made by Roger and seconded by Joe to recommend to approve the CUP and to set the conditions as agreed upon between Gravel Products and David Ashley. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the following applications:

Bruce Degenstein – pole building
Jessie Lystad – mobile home, deck, entry/shop
Jason Gange – grain bin
William Bray – garage
Ryan Latendresse – grain bin

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Pat to approve the permits. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt mentioned he contacted a regional planning council in the eastern part of the state regarding the possibility of working on an update to the county's planning and zoning ordinance. He is waiting to hear back.

At 10:00 AM, a motion was made by Matt and seconded by Mike to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor/Treas