

Minutes of Board of Adjustment's Hearing June 22, 2022

Unapproved minutes:

Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present were James Jorgensen, Rick Cordes, Teresa Stevens-Marth and Wendy Johnson. Roll call of Board members was taken with four (4) Board members in attendance. Also present was Jeff Sherman, Zoning Administrator, Jen Solomon, Admin Assistant, Ron Fadness, Floyd Hackman & Kalen Schalder, Joe Sult of Bruening Rock, Rick Rex Property owner of 1657 270th, Ryan & Jessica Thieman Property Owner of 171 270th St, Jon Sult Land Owner, Penne Thieman Property owner 1715 270th, Michael & Vick Katcher of 1695 270th, Betty Rex Land owner. Attached to these minutes and made a part hereof is a list of additional attendees.

Approval of Agenda. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Teresa Steven-Marth seconded by Rick Cordes

Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the June 20, 2022 a motion to approve the minutes moved to approve Rick Cordes, seconded by Wendy Jonson

New Business.

A request by Bruening Rock for Conditional Use to extend the Quarry at 1675 270th St in the W ½ Lot 80 SW SW EX HY Quarter of Section 8, Township 94 North, Range 17 West of the 5th P.M. Union Township, Floyd County, Iowa.

Ronald from Bruening Rock said that the map that was given at the meeting said that the line in south end is preserved they will expand east by Sult property, Ronald did say that property is ideal for expansion top quality rock provide resource and good for the public. Kalen from Bruening spoke about question from Jim Jorgensen about blasting that they do a section at a time, the blast and the size of rock chunks can be up to 25,000lb chunks he said that try not to disturb any when blasting and make sure that the neighbors are taking care of, he also said that they blast 2 or 3 times a year. Rick Rex said that it is noisy, and would like to be notified when they blast so they can do something with their animals and maybe that there is another way to do this. Joe Sult said he would rather have them mine rock above ground instead of below the water table. Floyd Hackman said they normally notify the landowners when they blast and will look into this why they are not. Mike Katcher said that he worried about the property value does not want to lose property and is county going to reduce his taxes on the property. Ron from Bruening spoke and said that blasting is not going to change they can get a survey of property by an Engineer to see about blasting and make sure they have reports of the blasting. Mike Katcher asked if Bruening could they get rock from another quarry, another concern of his was pumps running 24/7. Kalen from Bruening that they want to stay in this location due to the to the rock quality, to answer the questions from the audience they can continue to mine from the quarry with pumps running more often they could still go down. Jessica Thieman spoke said that the blast almost knocked her child down, and she said due to the blasting all the dust her child now has lung infection and is on inhaler. She also said that their property value will go down and they are never told when the blasting is happening. Wendy Johnson asked when the existing quarry build was. Floyd said 1965 when existing quarry was built. Rick Cordes said lack of Public Relations maybe we have conditions added to the permit stating that they will be blasting for 6:00 AM to 5: 00 PM.

Chair asked for a motion to approve or deny the application. Rick Cordes motioned to table this due to the permit needing conditions for public relations and amend conditions. Seconded by Teresa Stevens-Marth.

A roll call was taken 3 yay and (1) absent

Other business. None

Staff Comments. Jen Solomon will look to see when next meeting available for the conditions of new permit maybe June 27, 2022

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn was made by Teresa Stevens-Marth, seconded by Rick Cordes. The motion to adjourn was approved

Meeting Adjourned.

Jeff Sherman, Zoning Administrator

Jen Solomon, Admin Assistant