

## **RECORD OF MINUTES**

### McLEAN COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, James Finnigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. ROLL CALL: Secretary Philip Dick called the roll and noted the presence of a quorum as follows: James Finnigan, Michael Kuritz, Ruth Novosad, Brian Bangert and Shirley Deerwester. Julia Turner and Rick Dean were absent. Also present were Darrell Mitchell, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Taylor Williams, Assistant State's Attorney.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Kuritz/Novosad to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2023, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.  
The minutes were approved by voice vote.
4. APPEARANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: No one came forward to speak on matters not on the agenda.
5. REGULAR AGENDA:

**Case SU-23-03**, an application of Kara Roach in case SU-23-03 on parcel 22-34-300-019. She is requesting a special use to allow a single-family residence in the A-Agriculture District for the daughter of the farm owner on property in Old Town Township at 21396 E 800 North Rd., Downs, IL.

Secretary Dick called the case, provided exhibits to the board, and submitted a staff report for review. He indicated that staff recommends that the proposed application meets all the standards of the Zoning Ordinance, provided one of the initial occupants is Kara Roach, the daughter of the farm owner.

Kara Roach, 104 S. Pintail Lane, Downs, IL and Kevin Neisen, 8629 Jeffrey Court, Bloomington, IL appeared to give testimony and were sworn. Mr. Neisen indicated that he is the father of the applicant and that this is a good place to build a house for his daughter since his family grew up in a rural area and there is a nice pond nearby on his farm property. Ms. Roach indicated that she is excited to be able live in the country and thinks it will be a very good place to raise her one-year-old daughter.

The board reviewed and discussed the standards for the special use case.

A motion was made by Kuritz/Deerwester to recommend approval of case ZA-23-02 with the recommended stipulation.

The roll call vote was five members for the motion to recommend approval, none opposed, and Members Dean and Turner were absent.

6. PRESENTATION OF 25-YEAR PIN: Secretary Dick presented Chair James Finnigan with a 25-year pin from McLean County for completing 25 years of service. Secretary Dick thanked him for his 25 years of service.
7. ADJOURNMENT: The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.