

Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes
Decatur County Courthouse
150 Courthouse Square
Meeting Room

The regular scheduled meeting of the Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeals was convened at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at the Decatur County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Brad Schutte. All 5 board members were present with one being on zoom. Also attending the meeting was Melissa Scholl – BZA Attorney, Krista Duvall – Decatur County Area Plan Director and Debbie Martin – Administrative Assistant.

Brad Schutte read the following; *to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Decatur County requests that participants in this meeting complete a voluntary, anonymous survey that is available on the table in the back of the room.*

***Approval of minutes: October 6, 2021;** Jay Hatton made a motion to accept as mailed; Joyce Brindley seconded the motion.

*** BZA Petition 2021-13 - Terry Gwinnup** is requesting a “**Variance**” in an A-1 zoning classification to the required 150’ setback from a roadway, to build a pond. This request falls under Decatur County **Ordinance #330**. The property is currently owned by Edward & Alicia Bowman and is located Southwest of 2280 N CR 950 E, Greensburg, in **Fugit Township**.

Terry Gwinnup: I want to put the pond (referencing overhead map) right there because filling up that holler. Norman Crank come over and did a survey, saw where the water would be and that holler would be the best place to put the dam. Mark Mohr came out and said that he had no problem with it because there was a ditch there as you go around the curve, you have to go slow around the curve and that the pond dam would be higher than the road so he didn’t see any issues. The dam won’t be over 20 foot so I didn’t have to get with the Corp of Engineers and the water depth will be 17-18 feet. Approx. 1-1.5 acres of water. We have cleared some trees but have not moved dirt. Janey; how many acres of trees did you remove? Terry; there was just about less than an acre. Audience; maybe 1 acre to an acre and a half.

Gary; I think with Mark signing off saying it is safe, the dam being higher than the road, you cannot run down into the pond. Terry; if the dam were to break it goes into a natural stream. We are going to put a spillway so it is going into the natural flow. Jay; will you have trees between the dam and the road? Terry; there are some there now, there is vegetation and trees and a good dip.

Joyce Brindley made a motion to vote on BZA 2021-13; Janey Livingston seconded the motion with all 5 members present voting yes. Brad; your petition is approved, good luck with your pond.

Jay Hatton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.; Joyce Brindley seconded the motion.

Brad: Jay this is your last meeting of many, many meetings. I want to thank you for all of your service and all of the help you have been, not only on the BZA but also on the APC. I really appreciate it. Jay; it has been a pleasure to serve.

Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeal

Secretary, Joyce Brindley

Decatur County Area Plan Commission

ATTEST:

Brad Schutte, President Decatur County Board of Zoning Appeals