

**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, February 7, 2018, at the Decatur County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Paul Stone. There were 4 board members present, Roger Krzyzanowski was absent. Also attending the meeting was Krista Duvall – Decatur County Area Plan Director and Debbie Martin – Administrative Assistant.

Vice President Paul Stone called the meeting to order and 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.*

The minutes of the January 3, 2018 regularly scheduled BZA monthly meeting were approved as mailed.

In the absence of Attorney, Melissa Scholl, Krista Duvall swore in the audience.

\* Election of 2018 Officers

In the absence of Attorney Melissa Scholl, Krista Duvall opened the floor for the 2018 Officers.

- Joyce Brindley nominated Paul Stone for President; seconded by Jay Hatton
- Paul Stone nominated Roger Krzyzanowski for Vice-President; seconded by Joyce Brindley
- Jay Hatton nominated Joyce Brindley for Secretary; seconded by Janey Livingston

With no other nominations for any of the officers, the nominations were closed and all were approved.

\* **BZA Petition 2018-3 – Jerald & Julie Franklin** is requesting a “**Permanent Special Exception**” to build a pond on their property. This request falls under Decatur County Ordinance #2530. The property is owned by the petitioners and is located at 299 N Water Plant Road, Westport, in **Sand Creek Township**.

Jerald & Julie stated to the board that they purchased the property and would like to build a pond and then place a home there as well. We will use the excavated dirt as fill when we build the house.

**Joyce**; you say this is in a low place there? **Jerald**; yes, there is a valley that runs just south of there. **Joyce**; how far are you from the rear property line? **Jerald**; around 100’. **Joyce**; how far are you from the road? **Jerald**; around 200’ to 250’. **Jay**; it meets all of our requirements as far as setbacks. **Janey**; where would your septic be located? **Jerald**; the west, the field is marked. **Janey**; referencing the map, asked if this was to be the driveway. **Jerald**; yes. **Jay**; you understand that if any of the drainage tile through there that it will have to be rerouted and you won’t be able to disturb natural drainage. It’s pretty wooded, I doubt if you will find much.

**Jerald;** yes. I used to own the second property to the south and the tile starts at the property line where the woods is, we will not be interfering with that. **Jay;** on the questionnaire for the pond it mentioned a draft for the local fire department, did I read that it wasn't applicable in this location? **Julie;** inaudible. **Paul;** it looks like you have done your homework.

Jay Hatton made a motion to vote on BZA Petition 2018-3; Janey Livingston seconded the motion with all 4 board members present voting yes.

With no other business to be brought before the board the meeting was adjourned at 6.48 p.m.

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Secretary, Joyce Brindley

Decatur County Area Plan Commission

ATTEST:

Paul Stone

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