



ZONING BOARD MINUTES

6 PM | July 20, 2020

GENERAL

Members present: Jeff Sharp, Janet Hill, Morgan Robinson, Robert Drew and Jimmy Shealy. Staff present: Ashley Peterson

AGENDA

6:00 PM. Call to Order

Prayer by Jimmy Shealy.

ITEM 1. Review of June Minutes. Robinson motion to approve, Shealy second. Unanimous.

ITEM 2. RZ 044 **Charles Legette**, on behalf of Chickasaw Creek, LLC, has requested a rezone at 1906 Elberton Rd, also known as Tax Parcel 147 010, from A-2 (General Agriculture) to HI-ME (Heavy Industrial with Mineral Extraction) in order to construct a quarry. Presented Staff Report. Applicant had a correction on Staff Report with the closest residence being 1500' feet away from the pit. Public Comment from the new Google Form was read. Discussion began about whether the road truly was accessible based off of Public Comment. Applicant addressed the amount of the quarries active and inactive in the area. Applicant talked about the availability of utilities (i.e. power being close by and toilets being portable). Hill brought up the idea of only rezoning the part of the tract in which the quarry is proposed on. Sharp mentioned that quarrying is a viable industry that is can only go so many places. Hill agreed that there are several operational quarries in the area. Applicant mentioned that the granite was mostly exposed. Robinson agreed with Sharp on quarrying being a good industry for the area. Drew appreciated the statement that there will be minimal blasting. Shealy motion to approve. Hill second. Unanimous.

ITEM 3. Discussion of the Revised Bylaws. Hill confirming on what is changing within bylaws by taking out the Public Hearing portion. Hill motion to approve. Shealy Second. Unanimous.

ITEM 4. Presentation of the Replacement Official Zoning Map of Oglethorpe County, Georgia. Staff explained the process of going through corrections. Discussion about the Web Map and the process of switching from the Tax Assessor's map to the Zoning Map. Discussion about completely removing Zoning from the Tax Assessor's map. Shealy suggested to ask the Tax Assessor's office to help with advertising the Zoning Map on their website, as well as having it on our own. Hill motion to approve. Robinson second. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned a 6:23 pm.

PROCEDURE

1. Zoning Board Meetings are conducted as Open Meetings under the Official Code of Georgia §50-14.
2. Meetings may be recorded.

3. Staff will describe the applicant's request.
4. Zoning Board will recommend one of the following actions: Approval, Approval with Conditions, Table or Deny.
5. Zoning Board will have 60 days or two regular meetings, whichever is greater, from the date the application is officially received to submit a recommendation to the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners.