

COUNTY OF MENARD        )  
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The Menard County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Menard County Courthouse in Petersburg, Illinois.

Chairperson Tom Eldridge called the meeting to order and took the roll call with the following ZBA members in attendance: Karen Stott, Steve Wilken, Steve Ozella, Barry Bass, and Tom Eldridge.

Minutes from the April 2016 meeting were presented for approval. ZBA member Ozella moved to approve the minutes, as presented. ZBA member Bass seconded the motion. The motion carried with five “ayes” and no “nays”.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC HEARING:** (Case number 16-01SUP)  
APPLICATION FROM MATTHEW KNOUS, ACTING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF OR WITH LEGAL REPRESENTATION, WHICH SEEKS A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FROM ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.03(C)(7) OF THE MENARD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, ALLOWING A COMPANION ANIMAL CREMATORY SERVICE.

Matthew Knous was present to represent himself to give an overview of his application. Chairperson Eldridge opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. to give consideration to case number 16-01SUP. Chairperson Eldridge swore-in Matthew Knous for testimony regarding his application. Mr. Knous explained the need for the service in the area. He stated that he would build a new building at the rear of the property that was approximately 100 feet from the property line. Mr. Knous also stated that most of the business would be pick up from vet clinics, so there would not be much extra traffic.

As there were no other public comments, ZBA member Bass moved to close the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. ZBA member Wilken seconded the motion. The motion carried with five “ayes” and no “nays”.

After discussion, ZBA member Stott moved to approve the Findings of Fact and recommend that the Board of Commissioners grant the Special Use Permit. ZBA member Ozella seconded the motion. The motion carried with five “ayes” no “nays”.

**Unscheduled Public Comments/Requests**

No additional public comments were made at the meeting.

**Zoning Administrator’s Report**

There was no zoning administrator’s report

**Individual ZBA Member Comments**

There were no ZBA member comments.

**Adjournment**

As no other business was brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals, ZBA member Ozella moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. ZBA member Bass seconded the motion. The motion carried with five “ayes” and no “nays”.