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Minutes, Zoning Committee
May 04, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted Ritter at 5:30pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Ted Ritter, Marion Janssen, Doug Olson, Gerry Hensen, Timm Faesi. Zoning Administrator Tim Ebert and Brian from Premier Power Sports were present and also one local resident.
3. **Approval of minutes:** Motion by Janssen, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 Zoning Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Consider Highway 70 noise complaint:** Ritter noted that this issue goes back to 09/27/2015 when Barbara Hendron of 1126 Halberstadt Road submitted an e-mail complaint to Marv Anderson regarding an increase in highway noise at the Hedron property following tree cutting at the feed store (now Premier Power Sports) at Halberstadt and Highway 70. There is no record of any response by the Town, but the open complaint is causing concern for Brian who is negotiating the purchase of the property. Tim Ebert provided a history review of the property development from when it was Pioneer Tool. There is no record of any specific buffer requirements being imposed by the town, but the zoning ordinance requires a buffer when commercial property abuts residential. Although trees have been cut from the property, none have been removed from the naturally wooded buffer zone. Brian indicated his willingness to allow tree seedlings along the north lot line to grow and improve the natural buffer already in place, especially where the buffer is less dense. The Hedrons were invited to attend this meeting, but neither came nor made any contact with Brian or any committee member. There is no record of any other parties, even those living closer to Highway 70 than the Hedrons, of increased highway noise. Motion by Olson, second by

Janssen, to table the issue indefinitely. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion occurred regarding meeting protocol for the upcoming CUP Application hearing on May 12, 2016. No actions beyond general discussion were taken by the committee.
6. **Consider agenda items for next regular monthly meeting (June 1st):** Ritter had no specific items to suggest for the next meeting by assured the committee we have much to do in coming months. A specific agenda will be prepared and shared in advance of the next meeting.
7. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.