

**GRANTING A REZONING AND VARIANCES
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT
5248 WOLF CREEK ROAD, SHERMAN
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has presented to the Sangamon County Board, Sangamon County, Illinois, its Findings of Fact and Recommendation that the Sangamon County Board **grant a rezoning and variances** to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance with respect to the following described property, to-wit:

See Exhibit A

WHEREAS, the Petitioner, **Kenneth Gillman**, has petitioned the Sangamon County Board requesting for **Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and, for Proposed Parcel 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 35 acres); and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and,**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Bank of Springfield Center on **October 15, 2020** after proper notice was posted on said property and given by news publication, as is required by said Ordinance, and all procedural and jurisdictional requirements of the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals has presented to the Sangamon County Board of Sangamon County its Findings of Fact and Recommendation that the Sangamon County Board **grant a rezoning and variances; and,**

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Don Hayes
Sangamon County Clerk

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Board does hereby adopt the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session assembled this **10th Day of November, 2020** that the following request(s) on the above described property are hereby approved:

For Proposed Parcel 1:

- Pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and,
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For Proposed Parcel 2:

- Pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 35 acres); and,
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Signed and passed by the Sangamon County Board in session on this **10th day of November, 2020.**

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

The East One-Fourth (1/4) of the following Tract:

Tract II:

The East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty (20), and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-One (21) all in Township Seventeen (17) North, Range Four (4) West of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Sangamon, Illinois.

Parcel Number: 07-21.0-300-004.

RECAP
(For County Board Use)

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER: #2 NAME: **Todd Smith**

DOCKET NUMBER: **2020-030**

ADDRESS: **5248 Wolf Creek Road, Sherman, IL 62684**

PETITIONER: **2020-030**

PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: **“A” Agricultural District.**

REQUESTED ZONING CLASSIFICATION: **For Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and, for Proposed Parcel 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 35 acres); and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width.**

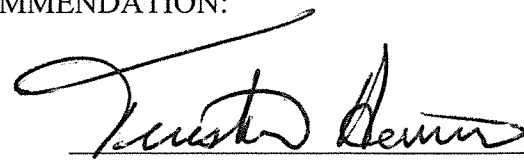
AREA: **40 acres**

COMMENTS: **None**

OBJECTORS: **None**

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF RECOMMENDATION: **Recommend approval. The petitioner seeks to sell the cropland and keep the existing single-family residence/pole barn and pasture. The LESA score of 226 indicates the property is suitable for agricultural use only; however, the uses of the property are not changing and the division will preserve the farmland by separating it from the residential use. The Standards for Variation are met.**

SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION:
Approval of Staff Recommendation.


RECORDING SECRETARY

SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:) DOCKET NO: **2020-030**
Kenneth Gillman)
))
) PROPERTY LOCATED AT:
) **5248 Wolf Creek Road**
) **Sherman, IL 62684**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THIS MATTER, Coming on for a hearing before the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals of Sangamon County, Illinois, and it appearing to said Board that a petition for a **rezoning and variances** of the Zoning Regulations of said County has been filed herein by the above captioned petitioner(s); that legal publication has been made pursuant to law; and that a public hearing was held on **October 15, 2020** pursuant to law; and that said Board took testimony of witnesses, examined the evidence, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, therefore finds as follows:

1. That said Board has jurisdiction to consider the petition filed herein.
2. That the above-captioned petitioner(s) is the owner(s) and/or has a beneficial interest in, contract to purchase, or is the County Board Member representing the property commonly known as: **5248 Wolf Creek Road, Sherman, IL 62684** and more particularly described as:

See Exhibit A

3. That the present zoning of said property is **“A” Agricultural District.**
4. That the present land use of said property is **Single-family residence and agricultural.**
5. That the proposed land use of said property is **Proposed Parcel 1: Single-family residence. Proposed Parcel 2: Agricultural.**
6. That the request(s) for the subject property are for **Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District to “R-1” Single-Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; and, for Proposed Parcel 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 35 acres); and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width.**
7. That required findings and standards of the Sangamon County Board of Appeals are accurately stated on the attached exhibit(s).
8. The evidence adduced at the hearing **does** support the proposition that the adoption of the proposed **rezoning and variances** are in the public interest and is not solely in the interest of the petitioner(s).

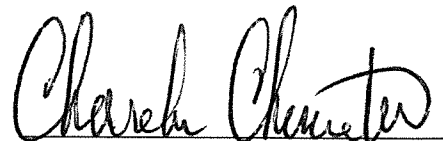
IT IS, THEREFORE, the recommendation of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals to the County Board of Sangamon County that the following request(s) are **hereby approved:**

For Proposed Parcel 1:

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CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF THE
SANGAMON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

There was a motion by Zoning Board Member, **Don Wulf**, which was duly seconded by **Tony Mares**, to concur with the findings of fact and recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission and recommend to the County Board that the following request(s) **are hereby approved:**

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The vote of the Board was as follows:

YES: **Charlie Chimento, Tony Mares, Don Wulf, Andrew Spiro, Phil Sidles**

NO:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:



RECORDING SECRETARY

SANGAMON COUNTY
RECOMMENDED - FINDINGS OF FACT

Case #: 2020-030

Address: 5248 Wolf Creek Road, Sherman

(i) Existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question.

North – Residence. East & West – Residence & cropland. South – Cropland.

(ii) The zoning classification of property within the general area of the property in question.

North, East, South, & West – Agricultural.

(iii) The suitability of the property in question to the uses permitted under the existing zoning classification.

The LESA score of 226 indicates the property is suitable for agricultural use only; however, the uses of the property are not changing and the division will preserve the farmland by separating it from the residential use.

(iv) The trend of development, within the vicinity since the property was originally classified.

The trend of development is agricultural with rural residences in the area.

SANGAMON COUNTY
RECOMMENDED - STANDARDS FOR VARIATIONS

Case #: 2020-030

Address: 5248 Wolf Creek Road, Sherman

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not recommend to the Sangamon County Board that the regulations of this ordinance be varied as authorized in F. (1) hereof, unless it shall make findings of fact based upon the evidence presented to it in each specified case:

- (i) that the property in question cannot be economically used or yield a reasonable return, if permitted to be used only for the conditions allowed by the regulations.

Granting the requested variances will facilitate a division in order to sell the cropland while allowing the petitioner to keep the single-family residence/pole barn and pasture.

- (ii) that the plight of the owner is due to circumstances unique to the property and not generally applicable to other property in the area.

In order for the petitioner to sell the cropland, the requested variances are necessary to bring the subject property into compliance when the cropland is separated from the single-family residence/pole barn and pasture. The trend toward long narrow lots due to the creek's location in this quarter section further justifies reasonable lot width to depth variances in the immediate area.

- (iii) that the variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality, impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, increase the congestion of traffic, or diminish or impair property values in the locality.

No change in land use is contemplated and negative impacts are not anticipated.

LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT

Part 1: Site Assessment

	Available Points	Points
<u>AGRICULTURAL/RURAL LAND WITHIN .5 MILE</u>		
90% or more	20	
75-89%	10	20
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<u>CONTIGUOUS AGRICULTURAL/RURAL LAND</u>		
90% or more	20	
75-89%	10	20
50-74%	5	
Under 50%	0	
<u>PERCENTAGE OF SITE AGRICULTURAL/RURAL</u>		
75-100%	10	
50-74%	5	10
Under 50%	0	
<u>COUNTY SECTOR</u>		
Rural	20	
0.5 mile from incorporated area	10	20
Incorporated area	0	
<u>SOIL WITH SEVERE RESTRICTIONS FOR ON-SITE WASTE DISPOSAL</u>		
75% or more	20	
50-74%	10	20
25-49%	5	
Less than 25% or sewer available	0	
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED USE</u>		
Negative impact	15	
Little or none with protective measures	5	0
Little or none	0	
<u>IMPACT ON UNIQUE HISTORICAL/CULTURAL FEATURES</u>		
Negative impact	10	
No impact	0	0

<u>CONDITION OF ROAD</u>		
unpaved, <40' ROW, or < 16' pavement	20	
16'-18' pavement, 40' ROW	15	20
18'-20' pavement, 40' ROW	10	
> 20' pavement, 40' ROW or County or State Highway	0	

<u>AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC SEWER</u>		
Not available	15	
Sewer over 600'-1200' away	8	15
Private central sewage system	5	
Sewer 600' or less away and available	0	

<u>AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC WATER</u>		
Not available	20	
1,000-1,500' away	15	20
Less than 1,000' away	5	
Public water available at site	0	

<u>DISTANCE FROM RESPONDING FIREHOUSE</u>		
Not in fire protection district	20	
More than 5 miles or fire protection by assignment	10	5
2.6-5 miles	5	
0-2.5 miles	0	

<u>DRIVING TIME TO HIGH SCHOOL</u>		
Over 30 minutes	10	
15-30 minutes	5	0
Less than 15 minutes	0	

SITE ASSESSMENT TOTAL		150
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Part 2: Agricultural Land Evaluation (Based on Sangamon County Soil Survey)

<u>Soil</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Relative Value</u>	<u>Points</u>
198A	Elburn	P		100	
199A	Plano	P		100	
43A	Ipava	P		100	
7148A	Proctor	P		100	
46A	Herrick	P		100	
7037A	Worthen	P		100	
705A	Buckhart	P		98	
199B	Plano	P		98	
36B	Tama	P		98	
244A	Hartsburg	P2		98	
257A	Clarksdale	P2		98	
68A	Sable	P2		87	
679B	Blackberry	P		87	
705B	Buckhart	P		87	
86B	Osco	P	12	87	10
684B	Broadwell	P		87	
50A	Viriden	P2		87	
712A	Spaulding	P2		87	
127B	Harrison	P		87	
3077A	Huntsville	P3		87	
138A	Shiloh	P2		87	
249A	Edinburg	P2		87	
242A	Kendall	P2		87	
7242A	Kendall	P2		87	
134A	Camden	P		87	
17A	Keomah	P2		87	
3451A	Lawson	P3		75	
3107A	Sawmill	P5		75	
7075B	Drury	P		75	
8396A	Vesser	P2		75	
3074A	Radford	P3	43	75	32
3073A	Ross	P3		75	
3284A	Tice	P3		75	
279B	Rozetta	P		75	
45A	Denny	P2		75	
134B	Camden	P		75	
112A	Cowden	P2		75	
685B	Middletown	P		75	
3405A	Zook	P5		75	
131C2	Alvin	P		75	
86C2	Osco	I	1	74	1
36C2	Tama	I		74	
684C2	Broadwell	I		74	
119C2	Elco	I		74	
119D	Elco	I		74	
127C2	Harrison	I		74	
119D2	Elco	I		74	
567C2	Elkhart	I		74	
134C2	Camden	I		74	
259C2	Assumption	I		74	

685C2	Middletown	I		74	
280D2	Fayette	I		74	
119D3	Elco	N		74	
259D2	Assumption	I	44	74	33
212C2	Thebes	I		74	
630C2	Navlys	I		74	
630D2	Navlys	I		74	
630D3	Navlys	I		57	
131D2	Alvin	I		57	
8D	Hickory	I		50	
8D2	Hickory	I		50	
280D3	Fayette	I		44	
8D3	Hickory	I		44	
8F	Hickory	N		44	
549G	Marseilles	N		0	
533	Urban Land	N			
536	Dumps	N			
830	Orthents, Land	N			
862	Pits, Sand	N			
864	Pits, Quarries	N			
801C	Orthents, Silty	N			
W	Water				

Prime/Important Farmlands Designations:

P: Prime farmland

P2: Prime where drained

P3: Prime where protected from flooding or flooding is less often than once in two years during the growing season.

P5: Prime where drained and either protected from flooding or flooding is less often than once in two years during the growing season.

I: Important farmland

N: Not Prime/Important Farmland

AGRICULTURAL LAND EVALUATION TOTAL	76
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GRAND TOTAL	226
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Fewer than 150 points shall be deemed acceptable for non-agricultural development.

From 150 - 175 points is considered marginal requiring mitigating factors for non-ag development.

Greater than 175 points shall be considered suitable for agricultural use only.