## LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION VARIANCE PETITION

CASE NO.: JA-V01-21

DATE OF REVIEW BY THE DEVELOPMENTAL CONTROLS

**COMMITTEE**: 03-02-2021

**PETITIONER(S):** The Allen East Local School District

9105 Harding Highway Harrod, Ohio 45850

REASON FOR VARIANCE: Inadequate lot size

**DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL:** 38-3400-03-008.002

**LOCATION OF PARCEL:** SW 1/4 of Section 34 T3S, R8E, Jackson Township

## **COMMENTS:**

The subject parcel is owned by Allen East Local School District of Harrod, Ohio. The 60.1-acre parcel has access along Napoleon Road as well as Harding Highway. The owner is interested in splitting off a 0.322-acre parcel to the Allen Water District in order to facilitate infrastructure development for an ongoing water line extension along Napoleon Road. This land division would leave a remainder of approximately 59.778 acres. This parcel is undersized for both Jackson Township and Allen County minimum land requirements, 2.5-acres and 0.5 acres respectively.

Staff cannot approve this land division while it is not in compliance with township or county regulations. Staff discussed the non-compliance as it relates to both Allen County and Jackson Township and concluded the land division could not be completed until the issuance of a variance Normally, in cases where the proposed parcel would violate both township and county zoning standards a variance at both levels of government would be necessary, but because this division is serving the best interests of the public it only requires a county variance. Based on the stipulations described in HB 22, the variance will need to be issued by Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**:

Staff recommends approval. This decision is based on the fact that the Allen County Water District is using the parcel for a purpose that is in the interest of the public safety, health, and wellbeing, and its compliance with section 109 of the Allen County Subdivision Regulations. Allen County is able to issue a variance despite the fact it is also a township violation.

## **DCC RESPONSIBILITIES**:

The Developmental Controls Committee has the responsibility to: (1) approve the variance petition as submitted; (2) approve the variance petition on conditions as specified; (3) deny the variance petition as submitted based on cause; or, (4) at the request of the petitioner table a decision until certain issues can be resolved.

