

**MINUTES of the GRANT COUNTY
AREA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

October 5, 2020

A PUBLIC HEARING & A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS were held on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. on the first floor of the Grant County Office Complex at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

The following members were present: Bill Johnson, Rex Maynard, Ron Howe, Chip Long and Bob Monroe, Lois Jones, Ed Hartman Chairman.

Staff present: Larry Strange, Executive Director; and Brenda Harrison. Bruce Elliott, Attorney was absent.

Ed Hartman brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Rex Maynard motioned to accept the September 14, 2020 minutes as submitted with a few corrections being made, Bill Johnson seconded. Bill Johnson, Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Bob Monroe, and Lois Jones voted yes. Ron Howe abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Larry Strange went over the rules and procedures.

Finding of Facts from the September 14, 2020 meeting:

1. **Docket: 01BZAV-20 Hidden Harbor Property Holding / Bruce Sebestyen**
 2. **Docket: 02BZAV-20 Catina McGibbon-Colyer**
 3. **Docket: 03BZAV-20 HSK1, LLC**
 4. **Docket: 01SP-20 Randall Ballinger / Pyramid Consulting**
- **Motion:** Bob Monroe moved to approve all of the findings of fact from the September 14, 2020 meeting and Rex Maynard seconded. Bill Johnson, Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Bob Monroe, and Lois Jones voted yes. Ron Howe abstained from voting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Docket: 02SP-20 (Public Hearing)(Continued from September 14)
Name: Jerry & Sherry French / Pyramid Consulting
Address: 8720 S 300 W, Fairmount
Zoning District: Agriculture (AG)

Legal Description: Being 9 acres, more or less, and located in the Southeast quarter of Section 21 in Liberty Township.

Request: to allow a radio tower for the County's emergency system.

Larry Strange introduced the request for petition and provided an overview.

Ed Hartman opened the proceedings. Todd Durnil of Pyramid Consulting came forward to represent the petition and answer questions from the board. Bob Jackson, the County EMA director, also provided input in response to the questions. The board requested to speak to the owner. The owner was reached and answered questions via phone.

No one spoke in opposition.

The public hearing was closed.

- **Motion:** Lois Jones moved to approve Docket #02SP-20 and Bob Monroe seconded. Ron Howe, Bill Johnson, Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Bob Monroe, and Lois Jones voted yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- For discussion; possible vote: Amend Rules of Procedure to provide for Area Plan staff to contact local entities to replace board members. (Executive Director)(See Attachment A)
- For discussion; possible vote: Amend Rules of Procedure to provide for designation of an alternate to serve as a board member in the event an existing member will not be available for an extended period of time. (Executive Director)(See Attachment A)

Motion was made by Bill Johnson to delay action, until new language is added for an alternate member & for Webex or Zoom meetings, Lois Jones seconded. Ron Howe, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, Rex Maynard & Bob Monroe all voted yes. Motion carried.

- For discussion: Amend Areawide Zoning Ordinance and Rules of Procedure as applicable to remove requirement that Special Exceptions, Variances, and other items to be heard by BZA go to appropriate jurisdiction (e.g., County Commissioners, cities or towns) for recommendation to BZA. ***This amendment would need to be processed through the Grant County Area Plan Commission and approved by local jurisdictions.*** (Executive Director)(See Attachment B).

Motion made by Lois Jones for the APC office to take to the Area Plan Commission for approval to have ordinance amended to remove language

regarding recommendations from the jurisdictions before going in front of Board of Zoning Appeals. Bill Johnson seconded. Ron Howe, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, Rex Maynard & Bob Monroe all voted yes. Motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public to speak on general issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.



Ed Hartman, Chairperson