

MINUTES of the GRANT COUNTY

AREA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

March 7, 2022

A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS was held on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 1403 IN-18, Marion, IN.

The following members were present: Ed Hartman, Chip Long, , Rex Maynard, Ron Howe, and Lois Jones. Bill Johnson was present via Webex.

Staff present: Ryan Malott Executive Director; Kyle Persinger, Attorney for Area Plan; Nicole Bailey, Code Enforcement Officer; Aaron Elsworth, Building Inspector and Brenda Harrison, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Minutes

3.2 Chairman Hartman asked Director Malott to read the minutes February 7, 2022.

The minutes from February 7, 2022 were approved as submitted.

Motion made by Rex Maynard and Lois Jones seconded. Members Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Lois Jones, Ron Howe, and Bill Johnson, voted yes. Motion carried.

4. FINDING OF FACTS – There were no findings of facts.

5. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

5.1 **Docket:** 02BZAV-22 (Public Hearing) Cont. **WITHDRAWN**

Name: Sweetser United Methodist Church

Address: 413 N Main Street, Sweetser

Zoning District: Residential-3 (R3)

Legal Description: Being located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 8 in Center Township

Request: Requesting a variance to place a sign that is 48 sf instead of the allowed 8 sf and will be animated/digital print sign which is not allowed in residential zoning.

The church decided to withdraw until the Sign ordinance has been approved and then they will apply for a rezoning and special exception.

5.1.1 Director Malott noted the Church had agreed to withdraw the application while the APC works thru drafting of a “Digital/Animated” Sign Ordinance Amendment. Director Malott noted that the Areawide Ordinance would call for a Six Month wait time before refileing, but hoped the BZA was allow less time if he could get the sign ordinance amendment completed & adopted.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Kyle Persinger – Attorney

Kyle checked on 2.1.4 through 2.1.5.6 of the Rules of Procedure regarding Classification of use. The Board discussed what needed to be done with this section and decided that it should be removed. Director Malott showed the Board how the office checks the NAICS for a classification and then going to the Authorized Use Table for the zoning use & classification. Lois Jones made the motion to remove Sections 2.1.4 through 2.1.5.6, and Bill Johnson seconded. Members Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Lois Jones, Ron Howe, and Bill Johnson, voted yes. Motion carried.

Appeals – Lois Jones motioned that the appeals be changed to the red version (Indiana Code) and Rex Maynard seconded.
Members Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Lois Jones, Ron Howe, and Bill Johnson, voted yes. Motion carried.

Composition – Chip Long made the motion to add, the exception from the APC, to the sentence that stated Seven (7) citizen members who: (may not hold other elective or appointive office in municipal, county or state government. Rex Maynard seconded.
Members Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Lois Jones, Ron Howe, and Bill Johnson, voted yes. Motion carried.

IC36-7-4-907 Board of Zoning Appeals; members; vacancies. Do we want to add this? Rex Maynard made the motion to adopt the language. Lois Jones seconded.
Members Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Lois Jones, Ron Howe, and Bill Johnson, voted yes. Motion carried.

Sec. 907.(a) – Lois Jones moved to remove the wording after the first sentence and before the last sentence in the paragraph. Rex Maynard seconded. Ron Howe left the meeting a 6:56 pm.
Members Lois Jones, Bill Johnson, Chip Long and Rex Maynard voted yes. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Rex Maynard to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lois Jones. All member in favor voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.



Ed Hartman, Chairman