

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MINUTES October 6, 2025, 6:00 PM

GRANT COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX

County Council Chambers-First Floor

401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana 46953

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
 - 2.1 Members present: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young, and Chairman, Ed Hartman.
 - 2.2 Staff Present: Todd Glancy, Belinda Benefield
Attorney David Glickfield
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1 Bill Johnson made a motion to approve the August 4th, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Chip Long. Vote: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young voted to approve. Motion passed.
 - 3.2 Chip Long made a motion to table the September 8th, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by John Pearson. Vote: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young voted to approve. Motion passed.
4. Old Business: None
5. New Business: None
6. Public Hearings:
 - 6.1 **Austin Crouch Docket 015-25 Evergreen Acres Wedding Venue Special Exception:** Randy Atkins made a motion, seconded by Bill Johnson, to approve the special exception with the following conditions:
 1. **Two-Year Review:**
The Special Exception shall be subject to a mandatory review by the BZA in October 2027 to confirm continued compliance with all conditions.
 2. **Septic System Documentation (30 Days):**
Provide the Grant County Area Plan Office with written documentation or approval from the Grant County Health Department verifying the existing septic system is appropriate for current use, within 30 days of this letter. ✓

3. Parking Lot Compliance (Two Years):

Bring the existing gravel parking lot into compliance with local standards under the Area Wide Zoning Ordinance (§ 153.250 Off-Street Parking) or apply for a variance within the two-year review period.

4. Fire Department Inspection (30 Days):

Submit a written inspection report from the Washington Township Fire Department to the Area Plan Office within 30 days of this letter.

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5. ADA Compliance (Six Months):

All required ADA accessibility upgrades—including accessible parking, surface improvements, and restroom facilities—shall be completed within six months of this approval, and written confirmation shall be provided to the Area Plan Office. The Area Plan inspector Randy Berryhill can help you with the requirements.

Vote: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young voted to approve. The Special Exception was granted.

6.2 Ramond Markley Docket 016-25 Variance for a fence:

Randy Atkins made a motion to approve a variance for the setbacks for east and south alley sides of the property, allowing the existing fence to remain in place, excluding any easements, and to deny the any variance for the Main Street and Third Street sides. Daniel Young seconded the motion. Vote: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young voted to approve. The motion passed.

Lois Jone made a motion to continue the meeting the time was 7:24 pm. Seconded by Chip Long. Vote: Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young voted to approve. Randy Atkins abstained. The motion passed.

6.3 Jay Bradford Docket 017-25 Variance for accessory building:

Randy Atkins made a motion to grant the setback variance for the accessory building, Docket 017-25. Seconded by John Pearson. Vote: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young voted to approve. Motion passed.

6.4 Jack Himelick Docket 018-25 Borrow pit/Landfill Special Exception:

Chip Long made a motion to table docket 018-25. Seconded by Lois Jones. Vote: Randy Atkins, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, John Pearson, Daniel Young voted to approve. Motion passed.

7. Lois Jones made a motion to adjourn. The chairman called for a verbal vote. All members present responded in the affirmative. No objections were raised. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 3rd day of Nov, 2025
Board of Zoning Appeals, Chairman, Ed Hartman

